



Dear Parents/ Carers

Can I begin by saying a massive Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we have tried to put in place arrangements for a phased return for the children, one which is safe for all parties involved and most importantly to us, to ensure that the children have enough time to adjust to the new routines and feel happy and secure in school.

We are writing to you as parents/carers of children in FS, Year 1 and Year 6 who have expressed a wish to send your children back to school, to outline how we plan to implement our phased return. Please bear in mind that we also have to cater for the children of key worker and any vulnerable children within Years 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Having studied carefully the range of Government guidance, wherein we have been given flexibility to open and run the school in a manner which we feel is right within the context of our setting, it was clear that the initial return for the June 1st was an unrealistic target for us. This is taking into account the need to organise the Social Distancing of children and adults, the need for staggered starts, designated areas and timetables for breaks and lunches, and this being only for the children. On top of this as employers it is crucial to ensure the safety of our staff. All of these factors, and a number more, have resulted in us not immediately being able to open for the groups the government have specified to return to school (i.e. Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 6). It is also vital that we continue to offer provision for the children of Key Worker Children and Vulnerable Children, as we have done since schools were 'closed' including through the Easter and half term holidays.

We are now in a situation, where we can share with you exactly how we intend to reopen school for the 3 designated Year Groups. Below is the plan for that phased return.

	Mon	Tues	Weds Half Day	Thurs	Fri
Week 1 June 1st-5th	Key worker (KW) and Vulnerable pupils	Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	Key worker and Vulnerable pupils
Start to build up the return of available staff.	Key worker and Vulnerable on a Rota	Key worker and Vulnerable on a Rota	Key worker and Vulnerable on a Rota	Key worker and Vulnerable on a Rota	Key worker and Vulnerable on a Rota
Week 2	KW Children and Vulnerable to start to work in pods and stagger times.				

Week 2 June 8th-12th	Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	FS Key worker and Vulnerable	FS Key worker and Vulnerable
Week 3 June 15th-19th	FS Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	FS Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	FS Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	FS Year 1 Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	FS Year 1 Key worker and Vulnerable pupils
Week 4 June 22nd-26th	FS Year 1 Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	FS Year 1 Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	FS Year 1 Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	FS Year 1 Year 6 Key worker and Vulnerable pupils	FS Year 1 Year 6 Key worker and Vulnerable pupils

Our plan at the moment caters for all of those of you who have indicated to us that you wish to send your children, however, Y6 parents need to be aware that, as per Government Guidance, Key worker and Vulnerable children will take priority on available places, and it will be the Y6 children places that are offered to them, as there isn't enough space within school, or staff to safely run further groups of pupils. Parents' replies have been dated as received, so places will be allocated on the basis that the ones who responded first will take priority.

Children returning to school will be assigned to a designated 'Pod', which they will stay in at all times. They will have a drop-off/pick-up area and a designated start / finish time for the day. (These timings and further details pertinent to your child's Pod will be sent in another letter, a week before they are due to attend.) Your child will only have contact with the children in their group, and they may also not have their usual class teacher in some instances.

Where teachers/support staff job share, these arrangements will remain in place and the Wednesday afternoon closure will be the break inbetween staff changing-over for Years 1 and 3, as well as to cover one member of staff in FS, (Mrs Carpenter is assigned to that pod only).

In class, children will have their own table and individual equipment but in FS they will run slightly differently and will be shared in your next letter home or via Tapestry. Children will need to come to school in **clean clothes each day** and to help you we are saying no uniform, and that children can wear clothing similar to a sports kit of shorts/leggings and a t-shirt, light jacket (if needed) and a sunhat. Packed Lunches need to be brought in lunch boxes that are clearly labelled with their name on, as should water bottles.

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