

## Phased Return to School – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents,

Today we opened up three groups in school. It was good to see our key worker children happily returning to a routine that they are now familiar with but it is all new and very different for those who came back for the first time today. The staff spent time talking with the children and helping them to feel settled.

We have had a few queries today about school places; following our communication to you before half term please note the key points below:

In line with safe working practices, LA and government guidelines and risk assessments:

- Priority children are those of key workers (both parents), the vulnerable, YR, Y1 **then** Y6. We are not offering places to pre-school children (other than key worker siblings age 3+ who are already attending) this criteria will apply to all places requested
- Children are in groups of no more than 15 with two adults (these are mixed age sibling groups)
- If we can accommodate Y6 they will be in a separate group of up to 15 – and not before 15<sup>th</sup> June
- We hope to be able to safely accommodate a maximum of **5 groups – 75 children** (there are 168 children on role in our school of which: 23 Rec, 29 Y1 and 19 Yr 6 (71))
- 19 key worker children have already been attending and there are 46 eligible – this already takes us above the 75, therefore, if you are able to care for your children at home please do so
- If your circumstances change and you need **key worker school places** you must let us know as soon as possible, providing us with days required
- We will have to cap numbers at 75 to ensure safety in line with government guidelines (staff capacity) The groups are not allowed to mix with each other, they are not allowed to share equipment, they eat, play and work in their own 'zone' with their adults
- We will not be re-introducing the full national curriculum for children attending school. The curriculum will be the same for children both in school and at home until the end of the summer term
- You will receive an invite from school based upon the highest priority and place requested – you will not be able to book online unless you have received the email invite. If you have a place please book for the rest of the term if possible, thank you

\*Children, young people and staff who have been classed as [clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions](#) have been advised to shield. **We do not expect people in this category to be attending school**

\*Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. Few if any children will fall into this category, but parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

\*Has a chronic (long-term) respiratory disease such as asthma, COPD, emphysema or bronchitis – **these children should not be attending school and we do not encourage siblings to do so either.**

### Priority criteria

1. Critical Key worker parent/parents/carers (all year groups)
2. Key workers - Both parents/carers unable to work from home (all year groups)
3. Vulnerable child/family (all year groups)
4. Key worker parent childcare needed (all year groups)
5. Reception child
6. Year 1 child
7. Year 6 child
8. Other year groups - as determined by government