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Dear Parents/Carers,

Planning for Potential Reopening of School to Identified Year Groups

First and foremost, we hope that you are all safe, happy and well. We are writing to you to update you on further developments since our last letter dated 21st May. Since the original government announcements on the possible return of certain groups into the primary sector, we have been assessing our site to see how we could **safely** accommodate the return of children from these year groups as well as continue to provide care for the children of key workers.

This week we have contacted families of key workers who previously indicated that they might need childcare in the coming weeks. We also polled parents in Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery to get a definite idea of numbers so we can move forward with concrete plans and allocate children in different 'pods/social bubbles'.

Please be aware that under current restrictions our site can only accommodate a certain amount of children, who have to be supervised by staff who are currently available, so unless restrictions ease, we have to be extremely strict with numbers. Once it has been decided when we will open the school to more pupils, we will be in contact with those parents/carers who indicated that they wish for their child to return when we partially reopen. This contact will give you instructions on expectations: drop off and collection of your child/children and the structure of a typical day.

We must stress that our plans are under constant review in the light of information being issued by the Government and the Local Authority. The Local Authority and relevant Trade Unions have encouraged schools in the borough to follow a detailed process to ensure that the plans, policies and procedures we adopt in this period have been appropriately consulted on and assessed as being robust and fit for purpose. In the circumstances we feel that this is a sensible approach that seeks to provide the maximum assurance to parents/ carers and key stakeholders before such a major step is taken.

However we must emphasise that **this will only happen after the appropriate consultation, and with the Local Authority having checked our plans, risk assessments and site to ensure that it is safe to return for children and our staff. The Local Authority's position on schools reopening is to only reopen when it is safe and viable to do so.**

With this in mind, our provisional plans for the school would be to aim to partially reopen for Year 6 children on a reduced schedule. Following this, we would aim to open for Year 1 children on a reduced schedule and then finally our Reception and Nursery children.

We appreciate that you might wish for more certainty at this point regarding the timing of these steps. We also understand that these provisional plans may not suit everyone's circumstances. Nevertheless we feel that it is really important that we seek to reintegrate our children in a gradual manner, as most of them have not attended school since the end of March. Following this, our intention would be to gradually increase the length of the day for all of the identified year groups.





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As mentioned in previous correspondence, school will be significantly different from how our children will have left it. In school, children will only be mixing with the same children and staff in social bubbles/pods and we will be advising our children to adhere to the 2-metre social distancing rule, as well as overseeing lots of handwashing and sanitising. We will be concentrating a lot on 'wellbeing' and focusing on the learning that will have been set for everyone through our virtual school which reopens for all our school pupils on 8th June 2020.

Thank you for your understanding and patience at this time and we will aim to update you as soon as we have any more relevant information.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Anderson
Head Teacher

Mr D Moran
Chair of Governors

