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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement that schools are on track to open on the 1st June, I am writing to you with our plan to make this possible for our Nursery and Reception children.

Our main priority is the safety of our children, yourselves and our staff. How we keep everyone safe within our school, is our biggest concern.

As we stated in an earlier letter, it is almost impossible to keep young children socially distanced therefore we cannot guarantee that we will be able to keep our children 2 metres apart however, we have reduced the number of children in each group to give more space in the classroom. We have tried to keep as few staff as possible working with a group of children to reduce contact, however, it has not been possible to keep it to 1 staff member per group. At the moment, we will be running 1 Nursery group, 1 Reception group and our key worker/vulnerable group so we have been able to keep them in their usual classrooms. If the numbers were to increase, the next group would be working in a Year 1 classroom.

We will be operating a one way system whilst parents are dropping off and picking up. Parents will enter through the main school gates, stand on a marker on the yard which are all 2 metres apart and exit using the gate on the yard, they will then follow the path and exit the school grounds using the staff carpark. To ensure the safety of all our parents there will be **no cars allowed access during the drop off or pick up times**, even if they have a pass. Anyone with a disability permit will have to wait until the last parent has exited the school safely before they can access the school grounds.

We have been in touch with all our Nursery and Reception parents to get definite numbers of pupils returning to school. As we have the final numbers we can now finalise our phase 1 return to school plan.

Our current proposed plan is;

- **Nursery** – 5 mornings a week, 8.30 – 11.30. There will be Mrs Cruise and Mrs Carroll on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, then Mrs Kelly and Mrs Henry on Thursday and Friday. The children will be in their usual room with reduced resources and any soft furnishings such as cushions, cuddly toys have been removed.
- **Reception** – 5 full days 9.00 – 15.15. There will be Mrs Scott and Miss Donaldson one week and Mrs Simpson and Mrs Boyd the following week.
- **Key workers/vulnerable group** – 5 full days 8.45 – 15.15. There will be Miss Macleod and Miss Welch one week and Miss Clarke and Mrs Baker the following week.

Lunches

We will be operating a packed lunch system in school. A lunchtime supervisor will collect the lunches from the kitchen and deliver them to the classroom. The children will have their lunch in the classroom supervised by the same lunchtime assistant every day. When the children go outside, the surfaces in the classroom will be cleaned ready for the afternoon session.

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Breakfast and Afterschool clubs

There will be no provision for breakfast and afterschool club during the present time.

Other elements of the plan following the guidance are;

- Strictly one adult per family can accompany children to the site at any one time, ideally this will be the same adult each day.
- There will be no collective gatherings including assemblies, lunchtime and playtimes.
- Children will remain in the same small groups at all times each day, and different groups will not mix during the day, or on subsequent days.
- Regular handwashing throughout the day.
- Regular cleaning of surfaces in the classroom.
- Each group will have their own assigned outdoor area to ensure there is no mixing of groups and that we can work outdoors as often as possible, weather permitting.

I know that many parents and family members will still have worries, concerns and lots questions regarding children returning to school. I hope this letter gives everyone further clarification regarding our phase 1 return to school plan.

Thank you for your support at this very difficult and challenging time.

Kind regards



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