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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Summer Term Update 6.

Hope you are all safe and well.

As suggested in my letter last Monday (11th May) we have been awaiting further guidance and clarity from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding the wider re-opening of schools from Monday 1st June, as outlined in the Prime Minister's address on Sunday evening. More guidance has arrived and this has been driving our planning. This guidance included the introduction of the nursery class for return from 1st June as well as Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This is in addition to the current provision we have for the children of key workers, children who may be vulnerable and those with Education, Health Care Plans.

As a school we are very keen to get our children back in, but we need to follow national guidelines and do this in a way that ensures the safety of all our children, their families, our staff and the local community. Our return to school will be a phased one and how this works will be based upon the risk assessment planning that we are undertaking.

We are now developing a careful, measured and methodical plan built around the highest safety standards to facilitate our wider re-opening. We will do everything in our power to reduce the risk posed to all our pupils, parents and staff whilst enabling the wider return of children to school.

By following DfE guidelines, children would be admitted into school in smaller groups. This means the classroom the children are in and the teaching staff they are with may well be different to their normal ones.

The start and end of the school day will have to be staggered to ensure social distancing measures are kept in place, as well as playtimes and lunchtimes.

We understand that the decision over whether to let your child return to school could well be a difficult one for you to make. The government has made it clear that the decision to allow your child to return to school at this point remains solely with you as parents and carers. We will respect whatever choice you make and we will continue to support the home based learning for those children who do not return to school.



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There will be no fine or penalty incurred if you choose not to send your child back in at this time.

PARENT SURVEY

In order to gain an initial idea of how many children will be returning to school from the identified year groups from the 1st June, we are asking you to complete a short online survey. This will be emailed out to you.

This survey is open to parents and carers with children in the classes that have been identified for return from 1st June. These are: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. If you have more than one child in these classes then a separate survey will be sent and needs to be completed for each of them. The closing date for this is Monday 18th May by 12 noon.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Foster,
Head teacher.

