

"Growing together at the heart of God's community"



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Dear Parents and Carers

As promised, we are keeping all parents as informed as we can, particularly in light of the Prime Minister's announcement on schools opening.

The documentation arrived in two forms on Monday 11.5.2020 and we have been analysing the information from this. It is now clear that the year groups specifically mentioned to be the first to be phased into school are: **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.**

As you can imagine, as a school we want to get our children back into education as soon as possible. However, this can only be done once we are assured that educational settings are as safe as they possibly can be for both children, staff and families.

We are working closely with the LDST, Local Authorities, school staff and our specialist Health and Safety advisors to support our school in working towards a safe re-opening for all. We are currently undertaking a risk assessment and consulting with staff to ensure that our re-opening plan will:

- Keep children, families and staff safe
- Reflect the particular circumstances of our school, whilst matching as closely as we can the plan of action of other neighbouring schools to alleviate any anxiety and as consistent approach as we can
- Meet the needs of all our children

Our final risk assessment will be ready by the 22^{nd} May and although technically we will be on our Whit Holiday be assured that we are continuing with our newsletter and communications to parents during this time. With this in mind, I hope to be able to share this **during the week of the 25^{th} May**, 2020. This will also be placed on our website. We will communicate the next steps as clearly and quickly as we can.

We strongly encourage that children identified in our subsequent plan attend school unless they are self-isolating or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions).

Please also be aware that, parents will **not** be penalised for non-attendance at this time.

We recognise that this is a very worrying time for all and we will be supporting ALL our children, home learning packs will still be delivered to those initially not in school. On a personal note, I read a quote on a banner this week that said "It may be stormy now, but rain doesn't last forever!" This is so true and with your patience and support we will get through this uncertain time.

Kind regards

Mrs Mowbray **Head Teacher**