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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well and ready for a break from learning next week when it will be half term.

I cannot believe that we have been in Lockdown now for about nine weeks. It is important for us all to remember that sometimes - like now, things happen that we have no control over but it is important to focus on the positives and to help and support each other as best we can. We all need to think of ways to keep positive in difficult times.

I am sure that you will have heard much online and in the media about schools re-opening. This is part of the government's conditional plan, which it says will remain under regular review and is yet to be final. We know that you will understand that the safety of everyone in the school community is paramount. We all want to get more pupils back into school as soon as it is safe to do so.

As plans for children to slowly begin to come back to school emerge, it is essential that as parents you begin to get your children ready for what might be a short notice of return. Children have been away from school and their school routines now for nine weeks – routines and habits may have lapsed and Lockdown malaise may have settled in! We don't know how the next half term will develop and it may be that children yo-yo between home and school over a period of several terms if future lockdowns are necessary. For this reason it is vital that you get a clear structure in place in your home that can then easily be transferred to school. Children need to be learning ready. Parents need to get their children ready for this at home first. Children who have transferable routines will cope much better with the transition back to school and what the future of education will bring. All families need to go back to basics and ensure there are clear getting up routines and clear going to bed routines in place. Remember, read, read read! 😊



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Obviously every home is different and you must do what works for you – but routine is key! A clear routine at home over the next few weeks will be imperative to help your child with the transition. It is really important that as far as you can, you create a good working space for your children at a table or desk, where they can sit comfortably and up straight, it is quiet and they can work without disruption if possible. It is also essential that children get at least 8 hours sleep a night and that you harness screen time to positive learning time. By thinking about these things at home now and discussing them with your child, you will have created a readiness for learning plan that will support them over the next few months.

**Our priority will always be the health and welfare of our children and staff.**  
**Consequently, we want to inform you that we will not be in a position to start this face to face contact on 1st June.**

We will still be accepting key worker and vulnerable children into school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June as we have been over the last few months.

We are still committed to providing opportunities for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children to come in to school before the end of June.

In my previous letter, I informed you of the actions we were taking in order to prepare for a phased reopening, including:

- Conducting a detailed review of our site and a specific risk assessment aimed at mitigating risks associated with COVID-19 transmission. This will include solutions such as smaller teaching groups; maintenance of social distancing rules; increased cleaning routines etc.
- Working with our staff to understand their views and concerns to ensure that we have a very clear picture of who can be in school and who will need to continue to work from home.
- Working with you as parents and carers to understand your concerns and views so that we take this into consideration in our planning.



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I do not want to ask parents and carers to make any decisions about sending children back until I am in a position to provide detailed information about the measures we are taking to reduce any risks.

Our intention is to share more detail with you during w/b 1st June. We will then ask you to complete another survey to indicate whether your Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 child will attend school. You will then be in a better position to assess the risk before making a decision.

During the holiday and on an ongoing basis, please would you start to talk through the following with your child, in advance of their potential return to school to help this to be as safe and smooth transition as possible:

- **Hand-washing.** At school, children will be washing their hands frequently and thoroughly with running soap and water.
- **Social distancing on the school site.** Everyone on the school site will be very conscious about keeping a 2m social distance wherever possible – within classrooms, other rooms and buildings, corridors and outside. We will be putting up posters, marking the floor areas with tape and stickers and other visual reminders of this.
- **Classrooms.** Chairs, desks and other items in classrooms will be moved and adapted to enable social distancing wherever possible.
- **Equipment.** We'll be making sure that children don't share equipment with each other – including pencils, pens, books etc.
- **Playtimes/breaks.** It will be a change for children to not be playing in close contact with each other. We will talk to the children about this and ways to have creative playtimes/breaks that keep social distance.
- **Lunches** schools will make sure children are socially distanced at lunch times and they may stay in their learning groups. Equipment for lunchtime will be carefully cleaned and children must not mix cutlery, or share/swap food.
- **Following instructions from school staff.** In order for everyone to stay safe, it is essential that all children carefully follow instructions from school staff on everything mentioned above and the way that our school will operate for the rest of this half term.



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Thank you for your help with this as we all play our part. Our school experience will be different to what we have all been previously used to, but with fewer children in our school, there will be new opportunities for learning and development. For those children who are coming back into school we are all looking forward to seeing them again after several weeks away from school.

Have a fabulous half term

Sarah Bracken  
Head teacher



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