



Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to update you after the briefing from the Education Minister this week.

We had already been anticipating and planning for the possibility of our older children and keyworker children returning but I was quite shocked to hear the plan for all learners to return.

At this point in time the only information we have is from the briefing. As soon as we know more we will let you know.

Just to let you know what we have been doing in anticipation of a partial opening, we have been organising classrooms at social distance to calculate how many learners we can accommodate within each area (up to a maximum of 30% of the whole school which equates to 28 children). All surfaces have been cleared and children will have a desk each. They will have a chair to sit on and another chair for their bag and coat along with a tray to store their individual equipment and books in.

We also have to factor in that we have some staff who are self-shielding. We are currently developing a one way entrance and exit for drop off and collection and a one way system around school as our corridors are so narrow. We are also looking to develop rotas for exercise, break and lunch.

We do not anticipate being able to offer breakfast and after school club at present but would continue our 8am-5.30pm offer for keyworkers.

Points to note: your child may not have their usual teacher as staff are self-shielding and class sizes will be reduced. We will be unable to help children to dress, toilet or cut up food. The hardest part of our job is that currently we are unable to physically comfort a child who is distressed.

Lessons in school will be using the home learning activities on SeeSaw so the offer is equitable to all. We will not be able to mark work so we will ask children, where they are able to, to self- mark.

Over the next few weeks it will become clearer what is expected of us and what we are able to deliver. We will continue to provide home learning for all year groups.

I can't thank you enough for all your amazing support. We will be contacting parents in due course, once Government guidance has been received, and asking if we opened from 29th June whether you would want a place. The offer is most likely to be for specific year groups on specific days, it will not be a return to 'normal' school provision and is an opportunity for children to check in with their teachers, catch up with their friends and prepare for what may be more usual from September.

We will endeavour to maintain social distance however we know from the children currently in the Hub school that this is very difficult and with our youngest children, it will be almost impossible. We

do not at this moment think return is compulsory. However, an indication of numbers would help us to forward plan to ensure adequate staffing levels.

Please stay safe and remember we are all in this together and we will work with you at whatever point you are at.

Yours sincerely,

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