



12th May 2020

Dear Parents,

Many of you will know that schools have now received some additional guidance on how to prepare for the wider opening of schools from 1st June. Having read this document it has raised more questions as to how we will operate at school on a daily basis.

In order to plan and understand how parents feel about this scenario I have devised a questionnaire which I would ask you all to complete and return to me by Thursday 14th May at 12pm.

It is important to remember that the return to school on 1st June is currently only a plan and will depend on infection rates. Initially the plan is for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return. The Government's ambition is that all primary age pupils will return prior to the summer holidays.

One of the main points that I took from the document was that the government has recognised that social distancing in school is not possible. Below is an extract from the document that refers to this, -

“Class sizes and staff availability

One of the protective measures we can take to reduce transmission is to have smaller group and class sizes. We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, we are taking this into account. Schools should therefore work through the hierarchy of measures set out in our [guidance](#):

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- and minimising contact and mixing”

Taken from ‘Guidance: Actions for education and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020 - Published 11 May 2020’

Please be assured staff will ensure that regular hand washing and increased cleaning will happen in school. However, as the head teacher of our schools, I need parents to know that although we will endeavor to socially distance, we are unable to guarantee it when the children are in school.

Please answer the questions below as honestly as you can and write any comments you would like to make. The staff and I need to know what you are thinking and how you feel about this potential return to school. This will help us as we plan how this may work in our schools

Warm regards

Teresa Bosley
Head Teacher