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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Update on School Opening

Yesterday's government announcement to start to ease the 'lockdown' measures means that all of us can start to look forward to some form of normality. This includes some shops re-opening, wider opportunities to spend time with family and loved ones and, thankfully, the return to school for more pupils. The government has set a clear, and much welcomed pathway out of the lockdown and opening our schools more widely is an important part of that process.

We are now in a position to confirm that we can extend provision for children in reception, year one and year six from Tuesday 2nd June, with Monday 1st June being used as an opportunity for staff to return to schools in small groups so that we can familiarise ourselves with the re-opening plans. Staff from the school and across the Trust continue to work hard to ensure all risk assessment processes and plans are in place to protect pupils, staff and parents. These plans have signed off by the Trust Board and we will be continually reviewing and monitoring these within school.

If you have not requested a place at this time, then you would need to contact the school office to request a place which we would then do our best to accommodate whilst following government quidelines for group sizes.

We just have a few reminders that we thought might be useful to you ahead of next week:

- Please note the arrival and collection times for your family zone
- Please try to arrive close to those times to avoid cross overs with other family groups.
- Parents and carers should not enter the site to drop children off. They will be greeted and guided by a member of the senior staff to their line up area.
- At the end of the day please follow the arrows from the main gate to your collection area. Your child will walk to you and then you should continue to follow the arrows to the playground exit. Parents and carers should leave the site once they have collected their child. Thank you.
- Social distancing must be maintained and the site is marked out accordingly.





Finally, this is new to us all so we will continue to welcome feedback on how we are doing and will always listen and respond to any individual concerns and challenges. We are greatly looking forward to welcoming back some of our school community next week and hope that this will be the beginning of readjusting and rebuilding school life in a positive and safe way.

As always, thank you for your continued support for our children and school community, we really do appreciate this.

Kind regards

Headteacher

