

Tuesday 19th May

Dear Parents/Carers in Year 6

This is a difficult letter to write as I know it causes worry and anxiety for some and it is also very sad as this is not what our school is about. In addition I want to make it clear that the contents are not meant to add to your worries, we desperately want to welcome your children back to school, however we have to do it safely and within very strict guidelines.

Today we would have set off for the Lake District on our residential. The children would have enjoyed a wonderful time with their friends and tomorrow when we were due in the lake and gorge, the weather would have been wonderful. It is just so sad for them. However this is the situation we are faced with and we will do our best. As time goes on I am still hoping the children can enjoy some type of celebration/party before July 17th but this is out of our hands. It is my intention to open first to Year 6 on June 8th and if that goes well, we will look to bring in the other year groups. It is a family decision though and I will respect your opinions.

There are many considerations but the biggest factor is physical space. Working within the rules, we literally cannot fit more than 10 children in a class safely. I am sure you have seen the videos on the news from Denmark and China but if you look carefully you will not see more than 5 children in a room at any one time.

Therefore I have to outline how school will look to inform your decision. Until I know how many parents want to send their children back and a thorough risk assessment has been undertaken with Trafford Council, I cannot confirm exact detail however there will be the following changes:

- A return to school may be part time (it will depend on demand but could only be one/two days per week)
- Your child may not be with their usual teacher
- They may not be in their usual classroom
- Their friends may not be attending
- All children will sit at individual desks with 2 metres between each
- Start and pick up times will be staggered and the school day shortened
- There will be no hot lunch, we will provide a packed lunch or if you prefer you can send one
- The children will have different play/lunchtimes and will only be able to 'mix' with their class group of ten
- We cannot guarantee social distancing, particularly with the younger children, however the children will be expected to adhere to social distancing rules – we will actively encourage them to keep apart

- Siblings in other year groups cannot attend
- We will not be teaching a full curriculum
- Drop off and pick up will be from the school gate, with one parent/carer per child maintaining social distancing rules
- Parents/carers cannot enter the school site
- Parents must do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially outside of school. They must observe the same social distancing principles as adults, as far as possible.
- There will be no before or after school care or after school clubs
- If demand is great Year 6 will return from June 8th at the earliest (date to be confirmed) followed by Reception and Year 1 later if the space is manageable and it is safe to do so

I understand there are many 'ifs' and 'buts' however nothing can be confirmed until I know who, after considering the above, will want their child to return to school on or after June 8th. I have designed a short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8SK2WG5> to assist in the planning and I ask you return it as soon as possible. As ever I am in school and available if you want to ask me any questions or if you have any concerns. Please speak to me, not Google or Facebook. It is important to see this as a local issue, all schools are very different in shape and size and all schools in the locality are doing it slightly differently.

I am here if you need, please get in touch.

Thank you

Stay safe

God Bless

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