



Headteacher: Mr G Almond

***'Caring, Successful Learners'***

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

You will have seen some of the Government guidance and media reports that we are currently planning to reopen on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and those vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

There is a huge range of guidance that we have been provided with that we have to consider fully. I would like to assure you we will only re-open if we feel it is safe for our children, staff and their families and that we can meet all of the guidance that the government have provided for us.

**The Government have been very clear that attendance at school during this period is not compulsory for any child; we are not reporting attendance.**

I can share some of the initial plans for 1<sup>st</sup> June so you can decide if your child returns to school. The children who are in school will work in groups of no more than 15 children from their class. These groups will not change and the groups will not mix at any point during the school day. The children will be taught by the same adults each day. Adults will not move between groups. We will do our very best to encourage social distancing but feel you need to know are not in a position to guarantee this.

We will operate staggered drop off and pick up times for each group of children. Only one parent or carer will be able to come and collect a child and must remain 2 metres from other adults. Verbal messages to staff will have to be passed at 2 metre spaces; we would encourage telephone calls to pass information on.

We will not be in a position to open breakfast club. Our school kitchen will reopen in time for 1<sup>st</sup> June and meals will be provided for all children in Reception and Year 1 and those eligible for FSM in Year 6. Where children are not attending school and are entitled to Free School Meals a supermarket voucher will continue to be provided.

Of course, the safety of the children and staff is paramount at these times and any children displaying symptoms consistent with Co-Vid 19 will be sent home, guidance for testing will be provided and a period of isolation following a positive test will follow.

During our period of opening arrangements could change. We may be in a position to have more children in school or we may have to close school to certain groups of children depending on Government guidance and staffing levels.

In order for us to take our planning to the next stage I would like to request that parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 complete a very short survey. This will allow us to plan further and communicate these plans with you. The link for the online survey is here: <https://bit.ly/chapeljune>

Finally, I would like to thank you on behalf of all of the staff at school for the things you have been doing with the children at home and sharing with us and the kind words and positive messages you are sending us. There is no one that has not been affected by the current situation in one way or another and we must all stay united. Stay safe.

Graham Almond - Headteacher