Dear Parents and Carers,

**PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN IN EYFS, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 6**

The government have explained that schools **may** open to children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 from Monday 1st June 2020, however this has not yet been confirmed. With this in mind, I feel it is vital that we have a plan in place to ensure the maximum safety for children, families and staff so that we are well prepared for the children’s possible return. Whilst we are not yet certain about what our provision will look like, our initial intention is that children will work within a small team of up to 9 children, 7 in the Nursery. **You will be contacted by school in the week prior to the reopening of your child’s year group.**

Children of different ages will be asked to enter and exit the school at staggered start/end times and also have set break times during the day. They will play, work and eat with their ‘community’ group not mixing with any other children. Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide a breakfast and after-school club from the 1st June for the rest of the half term.

Advice currently maintains that PPE is not necessary within a primary school and we are seeking further clarification on this. We have ordered visors and gloves for staff to use when providing first aid or intimate care to any child who requires this assistance.

We will endeavour to ensure social distancing is adhered too. We feel that keeping children in their small teams will mitigate the risk of infection. Children will be encouraged to keep reasonable distances wherever possible and the layout of classrooms has been adapted to promote this. Children will be working on individual work stations positioned 2m apart. Social distancing will be encouraged at other times of the day, including playtimes. Teaching in school will focus on wellbeing and phonics. Parents of Year 6 pupils should note that transition arrangements have been cancelled by DFE. Please check the website of the relevant Secondary School for information on how this will be replaced.

We understand that some parents may not wish to send their children back to school on the 1st June and our understanding is that there will be no financial consequence to keeping your child at home. We will continue to provide the current online learning materials and support for those children not in school.

**What we do need is a firm decision on this matter** so that we can plan further measures and staffing. Please contact school via telephone or email as soon as possible if you **HAVE** decided to send your child/children back to school. It would be helpful if you could inform us of your decision by 12 noon on Thursday 21st May 2020. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that you do not currently require a place for your child. Their permanent place will not be affected.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to ensure the safety of our pupils, families and staff. This is not an easy task and I am extremely grateful for your patience and understanding.

Kind regards

Mrs Nicola Loten.

Head teacher