

Tuesday 12th May 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Proposals to begin wider reopening of education and early years settings

I am sure like me you will have been following the government's announcements about schools and the wider lockdown conditions very closely over the last couple of days. Yesterday evening, the DfE released three key documents, as they confirmed that we should prepare to reopen school, beginning with Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, *potentially* from 1st June. You can find each of them through these hyperlinks:

[Guidance for parents and carers](#)

[Actions for settings to prepare for wider opening](#)

[Implementing protective measures in school settings](#)

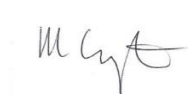
It is important that you read these to understand what we are being asked to do. There are many, many practical implications to consider and this is what I, our staff team and our governors will be focusing all our energies on in the coming days, so that I can then come back to you in due course with a detailed plan.

Your voice is important in this planning process. I am asking all parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to complete this [short online survey](#), to tell us how you feel, having read the guidance I have linked to above. There is a [separate survey](#) for parents of children in Years 2 to 5.

Given the continued wider restrictions, at this point I must confirm that we will not be able to provide a Y6 Leavers' Play, Assembly or Party this term, and the Herd Farm residential will not go ahead. We will arrange for refunds for the latter through SIMS. Pay in due course. Nor will we be able to hold face to face induction meetings for parents of children due to start Reception or Nursery in September. As much of these processes as possible will move online and we have already completed much of the work to enable that to happen.

Thank you for your understanding and support at what is an extremely challenging time for us all.

Yours sincerely



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