



To Parents/Carers

22 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Planned proposed reopening of Grange to pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

We recognise that these are very challenging times and the phased return of schools brings with them fresh anxiety and worry. Since the announcement, the government has provided guidance, working alongside schools, to ensure that the measures put in place reduce as much risk as possible and ensure that children's safety is at the heart of the plan.

From Monday 1st June, school will be open to only healthy staff and children who are not exhibiting symptoms and who do not need to self-isolate. The decision to send children back to school is optional for parents. School will also continue to remain open for children of key workers and vulnerable pupils from Years 2 to 5 on a booking system.

When will my child/ren return?

It is important to note that the Prime Minister has said 'Schools should **prepare** to begin to open for more children from 1st June.' The decision for this is **not yet confirmed**. Our approach will be phased. Before moving to the next phase, safety will be constantly reassessed in school. Our dates, in the table below, are subject to change.

| | Key dates | Children returning |
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| Phase 1 | from Monday 1 st June | Children of Critical Workers |
| | from Wednesday 3 rd June | Nursery (Sapling Class) Vulnerable children |
| Phase 2 | from Monday 8 th June | Reception (Rowan Class) |
| | from Wednesday 10 th June | Year 1 (Holly Class) |
| Phase 3 | from Monday 15 th June | Year 6 (Maple Class) |



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| Phase 4 | The return of years 2-5 will be planned when school has more clarity on numbers and ensuring safety. We are unable to give a provisional date at this time. We will keep parents informed. |
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How will the school be organised?

The school has been split into areas. Children will stay in their areas with the same staff all the time they are in school. Children of different bubbles will not mix; staff contact with different areas will be minimal. As you will see on the plan attached, each area has been given a different colour.

Each area will then be divided into 'bubbles' so that there are no more than 12 children in a group. The government guidelines stipulate 15 pupils; we feel that up to 12 children is a safer number as our classrooms have been measured to comply with the 2 metres social distancing guidelines. Children in different bubbles will have separate break and lunch times to eliminate cross-over between groups. We have tried to ensure that children are familiar with the staff working with them.

Please be reassured that we are doing everything we can to ensure children's return to school is as safe as possible.

Due to the nature of children, **no guarantee can be made to keep your children socially distanced at all times.**

For further government guidance, please follow the link below to access their specific guide for parents:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

If you have any questions, please contact the school. With this letter, we have provided a booklet with further details explaining the plans for reopening and a renewed home school agreement to be discussed and signed.

We appreciate the decision to send your child back to school is a difficult one and we will support you with any decision that you make. We look forward to welcoming the children back.

Stay safe and many thanks,

Mrs C Summers
Headteacher