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Dear Parent/Carer

PARENT UPDATE – SCHOOL RE-OPENING PLAN

I am writing to update you with further information about the current situation for school and how this will affect you and your child.

We are currently open for vulnerable children and those children who have one or more parents who are keyworker (see government guidance for details) and have **no other means** of childcare.

This will continue until the summer holidays.

Keyworker Entitlement

If you are returning to work as a keyworker over the coming weeks and need to book a place for you child in school please contact us on 07957 123960 or 07957 116349. These places must be prearranged in order for us to provide safe staffing ratios. To request a place for the following week a Booking form **must** be completed on a Thursday by 12 Noon each week. These can be completed in school or over the telephone on the above mobile numbers.

If you have not pre-booked a place, your child will not be permitted to attend.

From Tuesday 2nd June, our Vulnerable and keyworker children will be grouped in age appropriate groups in order for us to support a more structured learning approach.

Children will work in a classroom, this may not be their usual classroom, with two allocated members of staff, and these may also not be your child's usual class teacher or teaching assistant. These will be known as our "learning pods". Your child will be allocated a learning pod on Monday 1st June and we will text you to confirm their place and share further information regarding drop off and collection points and which members of staff will be with your child.

Our vulnerable and keyworker children **can** continue to access our Breakfast club and After School Club to support working patterns and shifts.

Provisional School Extended Re-opening for Year 6, Year 1 and Reception

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I am sure you will have heard in the news that schools have been asked to extend their opening to children in Year 6, Year 1 and Reception, however, Wakefield Council state that this can only happen when school feel it is safe to do so.

We also await further guidance from the Government expected on Thursday 28th May as to whether the scientific evidence states it is safe for us to extend our opening to the above named year groups.

Taking into account the above information, I would like to inform you of our initial plan for reopening.

Week commencing Monday 1st June - School remains open for keyworker and vulnerable children

Week commencing Monday 8th June - School remains open for keyworker and vulnerable children

Week commencing Monday 15th June - School re-opens for children in Year 6

Week commencing Monday 22nd June - School re-opens for children in Year 1

Week commencing Monday 29th June - School re-opens or children in Reception

Please may I take this opportunity to highlight that this plan is open to change based on the Governments daily updates. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused due to the short notice I may need to give regarding any changes in dates. I am sure you will understand I can only make my decisions when I have received full Government Guidance and risk assessed the information.

Our school will only extend our opening to the above year groups depending on the outcome of ongoing risk assessments.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs will **not** be available for children returning in these year groups as we are not able to mix pods of children with those who are currently accessing this provision.

Protective Measures that will be in place include:

- Children will be taught in a learning pod of up to 16 children.
- Each learning pod will be allocated two staff members and these will be consistent.
- Each learning pod will have a designated classroom base.
- Learning pods will use the outdoor area regularly throughout the day in a staggered arrangement including for playtimes, PE lessons, Lunchtime break and some lessons.
- Movement around school for staff and children will be kept to a minimum.
- All children will eat a packed lunch in their classroom. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide hot meals but feel free to bring your child's lunch box or order them a sandwich online

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- as normal and children who receive a free school meal will receive a free packed lunch this will need to be ordered online too.
- Staggered drop off and pick up times will be in place.
- A one way system will be in place across school this will be entry via Humley Road and exit via Kettlethorpe Road with social distance 2m rules adhered to.
- Only one adult will be able to drop off their child/ren to limit the number of people accessing the school site.
- Rigorous handwashing and respiratory hygiene will continue.
- Cleaning and site hygiene will be enhanced throughout the day.
- School will be closed to children in these year groups on a Friday afternoon each week to facilitate our deep clean.
- Staff will social distance from each other and we will continue to promote this with the children.
- Children are expected to wear clean clothes every day to limit the transmission of the virus. To support with this children can wear school uniform **or** their own clothes at this time.
- Children will not share equipment.
- Touch points including door handles will be regularly cleaned.
- There will be a high degree of vigilance around any child who may display symptoms of Covid-19, should this happen all children and staff in the learning pod will be asked to self-isolate as a whole family following Government advice.

Nursery, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

We are unlikely to be re-opening school to the above Year groups before September but we cannot wait to have all our children back in school when the Government guidance and our risk assessments tell us it is safe to do so.

Please can I reassure you we are here to support all of your home learning needs. Weekly timetables and work are available on our website under your child's class page. If you are unable to access learning online a paper copy can be collected from the school entrance from 12pm every Monday. Please ring before you arrive if you have not previously arranged this. Teaching staff will ring or email you each week to ask how you are and if there is anything we can do to support you. Thank you for all that you are doing to support your child's education during this difficult time. This also includes all of the baking, gardening, crafting, reading, painting and playing that has been taking place, of which we have enjoyed hearing about. This all counts as valuable learning experiences.

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Yours faithfully

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