



7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **September Opening & Children's Reports**

As you may be aware, the Government has now released new guidance to schools regarding further opening from September. The Government's intention is that all children should be able to return to school safely, full time, in September.

Detailed instructions and key principles have been provided. Schools will apply these to their local context to ensure we minimise the risk and keep everyone as safe as possible. This can never mean risk free. We are looking forward to seeing all our children back and welcome this next stage in the recovery from the pandemic.

We will now be working to understand the guidance fully and plan to be ready to open as expected in September. This will not be straightforward, and it will take some time for us to be ready to communicate the details to you regarding how all this will work come September. You should expect some initial communication before the end of term and further, more detailed information, towards the end of August. Thank you for your patience. What is clear is that the intention is to bring all children back to school for the start of the new term, full time, and you should make plans with that in mind.

Each school will update its risk assessment in light of the new expectations to ensure we are operating in accordance with the guidance. Our intention is to get back to as 'normal' as soon as we can but sadly this will not be the same as before. Social distancing and infection control will have to be in place. This will include special arrangements for accessing school and movement in and around school. We will need parents to support this. It will also impact on aspects of school life such as parent assemblies, after school clubs and sporting fixtures. We operate best as we can with the buildings and staff we have available and within the guidance.

We are delighted that we can look forward to life returning nearer normal in our schools and we know that as parents you will be relieved to hear that all children can get back to learning and seeing other children outside the home. We must however continue to be cautious; there is a lot that can happen between now and September in regards to the virus. Plans may have to change again if the Government imposes further local or national lockdowns in response to 'spikes' in infection.

Despite the disruption to the academic year, we will still be sending parents an end of year report for each child. This will be of course be a little different to the usual format. Each report contains an explanation of how the structure is different for this year. These changes are temporary.

Reports will be emailed at the start of next week on either Monday or Tuesday. This is a manual process so inevitably some families will receive this email before others. If you have not received your child's report by 1.00pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of July please email either school office.

Very best wishes

Yours sincerely

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