

Dear Parents

I hope you have continued to enjoy this remarkable weather we are being blessed with. Following quite an extraordinary week of politics, the government has made clear its intention of starting to open schools on Monday 1st June. However the final decision on whether this happens lies with the Board of Trustees of the Multi Academy Trust. Following their meeting this morning, with intense scrutiny on the risk assessments completed by each school, it has been decided that our Primary Schools will open on Monday 1st June for children in Year 6. This is to check the robustness of our Risk Assessments before we bring more children into the setting. Children of key workers and those deemed in need of extra support are also welcome to attend school.

Children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will be able to return on Monday 8th June.

You have all communicated to the school your decision on whether you intend to send your child (thank you), which has allowed us to plan effectively and prepare the school environment. You will have realised from the letter sent out a week ago that the measures we have to put in place are quite stringent and they must be adhered to for the safety of all within our community. Parents who initially decided that they wouldn't be sending their child back at present are free to change their mind at any point, however it won't be possible to just turn up with your child without communicating your intention to us in advance. Indicating a week in advance that you wish your child to return to school will allow us to continue to plan effectively and prepare the classroom environment. As numbers increase it may be that only certain year groups attend on certain days/weeks. Every extra child will have an impact on the risk assessment.

Regardless of whether your child is returning to school on Monday, we will continue to be in communication and still feel we can safely operate the Pupil Learning Pack and book exchange system for the Turtles and the Seahorses. However, it will not be possible to operate the book exchange for the Dolphins class, but the Pupil Learning Pack will still be available. The next date for this will be Wednesday 10th June/Friday 12th June.

I was fearful that a return to school would bring the rain but that doesn't seem to be the case; the good weather seems set to stay, for a while at least. We shall be making the most of it but at the same time, seeking the shade! Please ensure that your child has had sunscreen applied before they come to school, and that they bring a sun hat with them.

I know that I speak for both myself and all the staff at school when I say that we look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school on Monday.

Kindest regards

Helen Ward