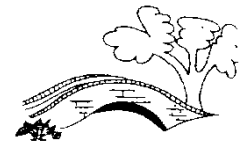




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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are now halfway through the summer term: a very different looking term to usual but nonetheless, despite all of the challenges, we have reached half term and I hope that everyone has a well-deserved break.

We are sure that you will have read our recent letter regarding the planned re-opening on June 1<sup>st</sup> for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children. Thank you very much to all parents who have responded from the relevant year groups as this is helping us to plan our provision from June 1<sup>st</sup>, should the direction from the government remain to re-open. If you are unsure about whether to send your child in, please do not worry. We know how difficult this decision is and there is certainly no pressure from us as a school.

The school has been a hive of activity as we have been preparing for the planned re-opening. We are taking all necessary steps to ensure that school is as safe as it possibly can be but I must reassure you that, whilst school will look a little different, it should still feel the same and we will be teaching largely the same curriculum to the children (with some activities tweaked and altered to adhere to the guidance). Children are far more resilient than we give them credit for and will quickly get used to our 'new version' of school and be very happy to be back with their friends, once again. Due to the numbers of children returning, .

Due to the low numbers of children who will be at school, school meals will be available however we are only able to offer sandwiches. If your child requires a lunch from the kitchen, they will order in the usual way. Children in reception and Year 1 will still qualify for Universal Free School Meals,

If the weather is warm, we request that children bring a hat into school and a bottle of high factor suncream with your child's name on it (we would appreciate it if the hat and suncream – could stay in school.)

For those children remaining at home in all year groups, we will ensure that we continue planning activities for your child to access via Seesaw.

Should any child or member of staff develop symptoms while in school the member of staff will leave the premises immediately, children will sit in a space separate from anyone else with a member of staff present and parents will be contacted to take them home. We will notify all families of children who are in school that someone has been sent home with suspected symptoms and will update you as further information becomes available, please **do not** send your child into school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- \* a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- \* a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- \* a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We believe that the official announcement will be made on Thursday afternoon regarding schools re-opening and we will confirm our decision with you on Thursday evening.

We would like to pass on our sincere thanks to you all for your support this half term. We have been overwhelmed by the number of positive emails we have received from many of you; these kind of messages really give us a boost, so thank you for taking the time to write to us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff very much for their hard work in recent weeks.

I hope that you all have a lovely, relaxing half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Brayford  
Headteacher