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Dearest parents and carers,

Firstly, I must thank you all again for your continued support at this difficult and worrying time. I am totally aware that people are feeling anxious about the government's planned reopening of schools. I am writing to outline how we are responding to this direction and how we aim to provide children with a positive educational experience whilst maintaining safety and wellbeing of the entire school community at the forefront of plans. This way you will be able to make an informed judgement about whether or not you will be sending your child into school.

Based upon the government prioritisation, pupils from Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6, in addition to those who have parents who are Critical Workers, will be returning to school from June 1st, as long as the government's five tests are met. The planned response for each of these year groups will be different. This is due to a number of risk assessments that have been made, based upon the government recovery plan.

Summary of arrangements for a phased reopening (phase 1):

	Group size	Groups per day	Frequency of attendance	Arrival time	Departure time	Entrance
Nursery	Approx. 10	3	Daily	8:30am (or 12:30)	11:30 (or 3:30)	Back only
Reception	5	3	1 in 3 days	9am	2:30pm	Back (car) or front (foot only)
Year 1	5	3	1 in 3 days	9:15am	2:45pm	Back (car) or front (foot only)
Year 6	Approx. 11	2	1 in 2 days	8:45am	3:10pm	Back only
Critical workers	15 max.	3	As required –shift pattern	8:45am	3:10pm	Back (car) or front (foot only)



Home learning:

Children who are attending school (years N, R, 1 and 6) will **NOT** have any home learning set online. There will be a number of expectations communicated by the teachers, for the children to engage in on the days that they are not in, such as reading, times tables, etc.

Children who are in years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will continue to receive their education via home learning. However, from June 1st, Miss Brown will be the teacher setting the work for both years 2 and 3; Mr. Crossley is responsible for years 4 and 5.

Measures in place in school to minimize risks:

Activity	Procedure	Requirement from parents
Arrival	Staggered arrival times and mapped routes to access classrooms which prevents mixing of groups	Keep your child in the car (or at your side if on foot) until it is time to enter. No playing with others.
Equipment	Resources available in school with name labels to avoid sharing Reading books will not be travelling in and out of school. Paper resources may be sent – these are for your child to keep. Tables and door handles are cleaned between morning and afternoon sessions in addition to the daily cleaning regime	PE/games kits to be taken home and cleaned after each wear; Y6 pupils to bring pencil cases if they have their own resources Send pupils with a water bottle which travels in and out of school each day
Lunch	Separate tables and staggered eating times, keeping groups apart (no mixing of groups) No salad bar for self-service – dinner served by kitchen staff only	Online payment system to be used NO CASH
Play time	Children to have breaks with their teaching group only. Lunchtime – where groups need to be on the playground at the same time, zones are in operation.	Support us by reinforcing our expectations with your child
Toileting	Toilet handles and door handles are cleaned throughout the day	
Hand washing	Hand washing takes place on arrival, after play, before and after lunch and after PE/Games	If children need hand cream due to excessive hand washing, this is to be labelled with their name, kept in their school bag (and will not be shared with others).
Movement inside the building	Staggered times means that pupils paths should not cross. Regular toileting times will be planned.	



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Uniform expectations:

We expect children to attend school in full uniform. I know that some of you have used hair dyes during the lockdown but please do not add to them from now forwards. PE/Games kits will be needed on identified days (we will provide a timetable).

Readiness:

The above plans have been made so that we are ready to proceed if the government go ahead with their planned reintegration on 1st June. Detailed risk assessments and intricate planning sit behind these more general points. Staff will be fully trained in how to manage this new approach to education and will do their utmost best to ensure the happiness and well-being of your child throughout this phase. Once this phase proceeds, we will be able to inform you about further plans.

ESSENTIAL ACTION

If you or your child have ANY cold symptoms, cough, breathing difficulties or a temperature, your child IS NOT to come into school. A symptomatic child would need to isolate for at least 7 days, or isolate for 14 if it was a sibling or parent who was unwell. Only if a test for COVID was found to be negative, could they return before the end of this period.

If a child was sent into school who was symptomatic, they would be isolated from the population and sent home. Please do not do this. You will NOT be penalised for non-attendance at this time.

I hope that the detail in this letter has provided you with a good understanding of the planned way forward. You must be aware that the constant flow of changing advice, plus the possibility of staff illness, means that the plans are under constant review, however – this is a start. It is your right as a parent to determine whether you are happy for your child to return at this current time. Should you be deciding NOT to send your child to school at present, you MUST inform us of this formally, preferably by email stanthonysoffice@cloudw.co.uk. If you are making this decision then we would like to know this, no later than Tuesday 19th May, so that we can plan accordingly.

Thank you for working with us so well to date. You are all in our prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Davis (Head Teacher)



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