

3 July 2020

Dear Parents,

Further to my last update of the 29th June, the Government now seem to have set their focus on coming back in September and don't seem to be changing anything within schools for the rest of this term. I have just received an email from DCC confirming that this is the case so we are stuck at 2m until the end of term.

In light of this, I am proposing to juggle staffing and offer more spaces to those year groups who are already back. As all of Reception are back in school already, I would like to offer places to all of **Year 1** who are not back yet and to all of **Year 6** who are not back yet to come into school starting on **Monday 6th July**. If you are in these year groups and have already stated that you do not want your child to come back into school until September then that is ok, but you will not be able to change your mind before the end of term as I will have given your spaces away. I am really hoping that all of **Year 6** will come back so that we can do photographs and leavers things as a full group.

On Monday, I will then look at what spaces have physically not been taken up and then send out another set of letters to invite named children back in, to start on **Tuesday 7th July**. These places will not stretch to the whole of the rest of the school which I am really sorry for, but I will try my hardest to allocate spaces as fairly as possible.

Please can all parents also have another look at the updated key worker list found here [.....](#) to see if you now qualify as a key worker? The list has been eased quite considerably. These children will get priority before the other year groups, so again please let me know by 3pm on Monday 6th July. You will not be able to decide you are a key worker after this date as I will have allocated places out on Tuesday as detailed above.

I am also in consultation with staff about September opening and what we feel would be the best way to do it bearing in mind the children's mental health. The Government announced their plan yesterday, which, thankfully, looks quite positive and doable for our school. I am going to take my proposals to the Governing Body on Thursday 9th July, so I should be able to update you further on Friday 10th July. My thoughts are around delaying transition for the first two weeks so that the children come back to their familiar rooms and teachers to get used to school again (under September opening conditions) and then transfer to their new classes/teachers two weeks in. This would mean that new starters could have a choice about starting straight away or doing two weeks of transition before starting for real. Please let either Beccy or myself know if you **wouldn't** be comfortable with this scenario. If I don't hear from you, I will assume that you are in agreement.

The Government has also published updated guidance for parents and carers for September opening, which can be found here [.....](#)

I hope that all of this makes sense. I am just really sorry that we cannot get everyone back in, as it stands at the moment, on Monday.

Warm regards,

Leonie