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Dear Parents / Carers

Over the last week staff have been working hard to consider the best approach to return to school in line with the government guidance. Once again we would like to reiterate that we are taking a measured and cautious approach to reopening school. With this in mind, we will aim to have no more than one year group being added at a time starting with the reception age group.

We plan to have no more than 15 in a class which does mean that your child may not have the same teacher that they have had all year. However, within the reception classes this will not be the case as they already have two staff in each class. We will divide the class between the two staff who work closely together to ensure continuity of learning. We will split the class in half based on the alphabetical order of the children, with the first 15 coming in Monday and Tuesday, and the next 15 on Wednesday and Thursday. This is to ensure equity across all classes and we will not be able to change the days around to suit individual families.

Children in Year 1 will start week beginning 8 June and we will adopt the same method as above. However, we do not have six teachers in Year 1 so the children will be introduced to the additional teachers from Launde who will be teaching them alongside their class teachers. As it will be Launde teachers teaching, not supply staff, we can assure you that the children in each class base will receive the same learning across the year group.

After the children have completed the initial 2 days at school the intention is that they attend school full-time the following week up to Friday lunchtime. At this point school will close for all children except for those of key workers. Closing school on Friday lunchtime is to ensure that the premises and cleaning staff have additional time to clean the school ready for the following week. It will also allow the teachers to have their weekly preparation time which they would normally have had in the middle of the week but as we limiting the changing of adults in classrooms it has been moved to coincide with the deep clean.

As soon as Foundation and Year 1 children have settled into school we will introduce Year 6, the date to be determined later.

The children in the Foundation classes and Year 1 will continue to have their school lunches provided, however, these will be served within their classrooms and not in the canteen. Children will remain within their class groups for all activities including playtimes which will take place within designated areas around the school grounds. In this way contact with others will be limited.

At the beginning of the day parents will be requested to hand over their children at the designated areas and immediately leave the school premises so that there is no overcrowding in any single area. When collecting you will be again asked to stay 2m apart within the collection points and again we would appreciate you leaving the site immediately after collecting your child.

As you will have noticed that we are using six classrooms per age group as opposed to the normal three which does mean that 18 classrooms are being used for the first three year groups, therefore we cannot add the other age groups. However, we may be given more guidance on this in the coming weeks. In the meantime, children in years 2, 3 4 and 5 will continue to receive online work.

We will be sending out additional information to each year group prior to them starting back at school. That letter will outline the differences to the school day that will form the new normal in the short term and will include further details to help you prepare your child for starting back.

We are looking forward to seeing all our children and parents back at school as soon as it is practically feasible.

Stay safe

Yours sincerely



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