



# Alexandra

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Phased return to Alexandra Primary School

I am writing to inform you of our plans for a phased reopening of school. We are very aware of how disruptive this closure has been and although home learning has been available, we know that this cannot replace the teaching and learning that goes on in classrooms. Staff have very much missed seeing your children and we look forward to welcoming children back into school, albeit under very different working conditions.



You will appreciate that maintaining safety is paramount for you, your children and staff. We have read all the advice from the Department of Education, Unions advice and spoken with staff and school Governors. School has risk assessed plans for a phased reopening that is considered, careful and safe. Class groups will operate as bubbles, not mixing with other class groups to promote social distancing. We will promote hand washing and good respiratory hygiene, although we cannot guarantee social distancing on our site and in our classrooms.



From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. School will reopen for year 6 children and be open for 4 days a week. Classes will be no more than 15 children and we will use the Year 5 and year 6 classrooms. On Fridays, school will be closed to children so that the environment be deep cleaned and staff can plan for the following week and home learning.



From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, year 1 children will return, again on a Monday to Thursday timetable. Classes will be no more than 15 children and they will use the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms.

We plan for some Reception children to return to school from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, although this will depend on a number of factors and school will contact parents of reception children to confirm. This will run differently to other year groups as we do not have space for all reception children. Week on and week off rota will run. More information about how this will run will be available once we have seen the impact of phased return of Y6.

Currently, as we continue to provide a class for families whose parent(s) are critical workers and for families that have been in regular contact with school over this period of school closure based from June in our Nursery, we cannot accommodate Nursery children yet. The school will continue to provide this child care on Monday to Thursday and home learning will continue to operate, although it will be provided on a different day.

You will appreciate that we have had to made some hard decisions and these may not suit your circumstances at the moment. These are unprecedented times however and it is clear that we cannot accommodate everyone under the current guidelines and the Local Authority has been clear that schools should develop their own plans. We all need to accept that normal conditions will not return for some time to come.





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School will be a different setting to previously as we will be following guidance provided by the government. Strict hygiene procedures will be adhered to with frequent handwashing and cleaning. With regards to lessons, children who have previously attended, will be provided with a similar diet of activities as they currently have been receiving such as outdoor activities, learning via our online platforms and support with well-being.

Further guidance documents will be emailed and placed on the website over the next few days. Please ensure that you have digested these. We ask that you discuss these with your child to ensure they understand the expectations and to help us all reopen the school safely.

We are very aware that this pandemic has caused much disruption and anxiety amongst the community and with children. We very much want to see children back in school learning and we will do what we can to answer children's questions and reduce the anxiety and offer our Year 6 children an opportunity to prepare for their next stage in education and say their goodbyes. This much be achieved safely and carefully to avoid a spike in the infection rate.

We have thought carefully about our plans and they will be amended when further guidance or information is issued.

Thank you for your continued support,

Your Sincerely,

Mr J. Norton

