



5th June 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and children,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well at this time. Thank you to all the parents that are keeping in touch with school and continuing with the home learning provided. If you need support with anything, contact your child's teacher via DOJO/SEESAW.

On June 1st 2020 the government moved into the next phase of the virus pandemic, allowing some children to return to school. In order for children to return, our school would have to make substantial and radical changes to our normal routines in order to comply with government guidance and keep all of our school community safe.

Using government guidelines a **Risk Assessment** was agreed with our Governing Body on 19.05.2020 and reviewed on 04.06.2020. The **RA** identified rules about how to manage these Covid-19 risks. As a Governing Body, we analysed each risk very carefully and we found it extremely difficult to mitigate and manage these high risks given staffing we have available.

We want to be very clear, Governors and Senior Managers want to guarantee the safety of our children, their families and staff. Therefore we made the unanimous decision NOT to open our school to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 until further notice.

We have remained open throughout this crisis to the children of key and critical workers to allow them to continue to carry out their jobs on the front line. If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and you need to get back to work, and you have **NO** childcare, you will be able to apply for a place at our childcare provision ***as a last resort, as we have very limited places.*** Please contact your child's teacher for details. ***Your child will ONLY be able to attend childcare if you have provided us with a booking form and evidence of employment, then you will receive confirmation from us.***

Moving forward we will continue with home learning, and we would much appreciate you completing as much of this as you can. We will also contact you via telephone every couple of weeks to see how you are doing.

We will be sending further letters out about the following this month:

- Home Learning via **GOOGLE CLASSROOMS**
- Year 6 transition activities and Year 6 1 to 1 visits into school
- Information about how your child will start school in September

Thank you for your continued understanding in these very difficult times, the safety of our children, their families and our staff is our priority at this time.

Please stay safe, keep in touch and look after each other.

Louise Guthrie (Headteacher)

Carli Davison (Chair of Governors)

