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Important Message – Re-opening of School

Dear parents,

Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey stating their intentions on whether they would send their child to school if we were to re-open on June 1st. This has been helpful to help us plan how we organise the school logistically, but more importantly how we can keep **the children and our staff** as safe as possible.

At this stage, there are many unanswered questions and it is important for all parents to understand that not all pupils from the government identified year groups (Pre-school, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) will simply return to school on June 1st for five days a week.

Further guidance regarding safety since the government announcement means there is a distinct possibility that our school will not re-open on June 1st.

It is important to stress that when the children return to school, they will not be returning to the environment and routines they knew before the school closure. Children will be in much smaller groups and will be spread across different classrooms. They may not be with their usual class teacher and may not be able to access some areas of school.

Strategies and supervision will be in place to ensure social distancing and routines will aim to ensure there is no cross-contamination of Covid-19 between groups of children.

The school day and timetable will be affected significantly. There will be no assemblies or whole class gatherings. Activities, play times and lunch times will be staggered. Children will stay with their group throughout the day and will only be taught/supervised by a small number of the same adults. The class teachers may change on a week by week basis.

Children returning to school could be staggered and it may not be feasible or safe for all year groups or all children from the same year group to be in school on the same day. Systems may be trialled one-year group at a time.

The safety of all members of the school community is the key issue regarding all decision making and the school **can only re-open when it is safe to do so.**

We are working closely with our governors, our network schools and Coventry City Council to ensure the appropriate measures are in place so that children can return safely.

I appreciate your support and your patience, but we are working in unprecedented circumstances.

We never expected to plan in this way but as already mentioned above, school cannot re-open until we are sure it is safe to do so.

Further letters and guidance will follow and there will be additional surveys to complete to help us plan effectively.

Best Wishes
Mr Taylor