



## Staggered Re-opening of Schools for Nursery, Reception and Years 1

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you following on from Monday's announcement by the Prime Minister that some restrictions may be modified given the current lockdown arrangements we are all adhering to.

I am sure that you will be very anxious about this and the proposals issued to include some children returning to school at the beginning of June which includes children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

We are receiving guidance on a daily basis as to how school will look and how social distancing can be implemented and maintained within the school setting to ensure that all members of the school community can remain safe. This may mean that not all children in these year groups will be able to return full time or even at the same time. Once we hear and understand what the government's plans are, we will begin to assess how we can open the school whilst keeping children, staff and parents safe from infection.

I am keen for us to open our doors and return to normal school life. Our intention will be to support our community in any way we can but with no negotiation on safety. At this time adhering to social distancing requirements is essential and planning for small children requires a great deal of work. Bearing this in mind, please be patient with us as we set about this mammoth task and please be assured that whatever plans we put in place, we will have robust and thorough risk assessments attached to them. We will also have to look carefully at what will work in practice, how many of our staff are available to work and when it is safe for each group of children to return.

We must also consider the needs of all our other pupils who have been asked to remain at home. We want to ensure that these pupils receive sufficient support and guidance in the coming weeks.





We have received many messages of support and goodwill from you which we all really appreciate. Our staff continue to support our children, plan and deliver remote learning opportunities for those at home, as well as caring for those who have been coming in to school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work.

In the meantime, the school is still open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers. We know that some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but at present we are not in a position to extend places to other children until we have put in place all the government guidance.

**Please complete the questionnaire that was sent out via text message today so we will have clear numbers with which to plan the re-opening of school moving forward.**

We continue to miss the lovely children of Tottenham Infant School and our wonderful community and cannot wait to have our school back when it is safe to do so for everyone. Thank you for your patience and continued support during this time. Please stay safe and take care of yourselves and each other.

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