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Dear Parents and Carers,

Provision for children in Year 6, for key worker families and those whose children have an EHCP, Social Worker or who have been previously agreed as vulnerable

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the Trust's plans for phased reopening. As indicated in previous communication, we are making plans to open our school to Year 6 and existing agreed families, in line with Government guidance, in June. In discussion with all local schools, and assuming the Government criteria for opening has been met by then, our opening is more likely to be on Monday 8th June. This is to allow staff the necessary time to change the layout of rooms, train in new systems for health and safety and to plan more appropriate curriculums for groups of approximately 12 pupils whilst maintaining physical distancing.

The latest guidance from Department for Education can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

To allow us to coordinate our provision from Monday 8th June, we would appreciate parents of year 6 children informing us of their intention in relation to their child's attendance from this time. A form will be sent out via ParentMail to all year 6 parents which we would ask be completed by Thursday 21st May 2020.

In line with Government guidance we will authorise absence for your children if you choose to keep them at home. Remote learning will continue to be provided for all year groups across our schools, including those eligible to return first, although the method of doing this will be affected by having to bring the vast majority of staff back into school to form the smaller class sizes.

Provision for children of key workers, those with an EHCP or a social worker and those who have been identified by the school as vulnerable remains in place for children in other year groups from the 8th June. A form will be sent to all parents via ParentMail which should only be completed if you child meets one of the above criteria. If you have already identified yourself as a key worker etc, we ask that you also complete this form. Please ensure this form is completed by Thursday 21st May 2020.

Parents of year 6 pupils who are also key workers etc are asked to complete both forms when they are sent out.

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We hope to have some school meal provision for those on site but, again, I will confirm this nearer the time. If lunches are not being provided those families eligible for free school meals will still receive vouchers.

Once again, we thank you for your understanding whilst we apply the guidance given by the Government and are grateful for your patience whilst we work out the finer details to support our pupils and their families.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Christopher
Headteacher