



13th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know that you will have seen the Government announcement on Sunday 10th May, and probably also have seen the subsequent documents that were released on Monday and updated again yesterday.

The guidance and guidelines are continually being updated, and we are all trying to make sense of what this means for the possibility of schools re-opening at some point, for some year groups. All of the guidance can be found on the DfE website.

The government has said that **if** conditions allow, there **may** be a phased reopening of primary schools from 1st June at the earliest, with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to be the first to return.

As a school we want, of course, to see our children return to school, but this can only happen when it is safe to do so. This news will bring anxieties and worries for everyone, including parents, staff and children. Our priority will always be to keep all the children and adults well and safe and we will need to plan incredibly carefully to be able to do this.

I realise that parents and carers may be anxious about how this will happen, what 'being safe' means, and how school reopening will look in reality. I would like to reassure you that we will only reopen our school for pupils when we are convinced and certain, after advice from the Hackney Learning Trust and Unions, that it is safe to do so, and all our arrangements are fully in place.

The Governors and Senior Leaders will be closely looking at the Government, HLT and Union guidance about this possible phased reopening of schools. The safety of both the children and staff are paramount to us and will always come first. The school plans, will of course, reflect this to ensure that we keep everyone safe when coming into school and while actually at school. I will keep you informed as more information becomes available, and as soon as we have an agreed, safe and well thought-out plan, I will let you know.

Please also be assured that home learning activities via email, Zoom and Edmodo will continue to support your child's learning at home.

Finally, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, you will also receive an additional email with a questionnaire link to get your views on your child's possible return to school. Please make sure you complete it as soon as you can.

Please continue to keep well, take care and stay safe.

Jane

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