



10th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Moving Forward – Next Steps

Just over three weeks ago, we wrote to you following the Prime Minister's statement that schools would accept more children from 1st June. At the time we shared with you our plans for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are now in the second week of opening our doors to these children and we are pleased that so many of you have felt able to allow your children to join us. At the same time we are respectful of those that are currently deciding not to.

When we shared our plans we also shared our hope that, in the event that the bigger national and local picture was positive, we would seek to invite more children into school from Monday 22nd June. We also committed to giving you notice of any changes that we planned to make.

The purpose of this letter is to share with you our planned next steps from **Monday 22nd June**. These plans fit with our key principles shared with you in our letter of 13th May 2020. This letter is still available on the school website, and via School Gateway should you wish to remind yourself of it. Of course should there be any deterioration in the national or local picture these plans may change and we will seek to keep you informed concerning and changes at all times.

Having read this letter should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us through the usual means. We are grateful for your patience and the trust that you have shown in the school as we navigate this tricky time with you and your children in mind.

What will next steps from 22nd June look like?

- Provision for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will continue using exactly the same arrangements as currently, Monday – Thursday each week.
- Provision will also remain the same for children of Key Workers, Monday – Friday each week.

'Miss Shopland Week' – 22nd June 2020

For one week only, Monday – Thursday during the week beginning Monday 22nd June, children from **Year 5** will be invited to take part in provision being led in their classroom by **Miss Shopland**. This will see a maximum of 8 children attending the provision at any one time. Parents will be notified of the day their children can attend by Monday 15th June, together with details of access to the school, timings and other associated arrangements.

'Mr Whitty Week' – 29th June 2020

For one week only, Monday – Thursday during the week beginning Monday 29th June, children from **Mr Whitty's Year 3/4 class** will be invited to take part in provision being led in the Year 5 classroom by **Mr Whitty**. This will see a maximum of 8 children attending the provision at any one time. Parents will be notified of the day their children can attend by Monday 22nd June, together with details of access to the school, timings and other associated arrangements.

'Mrs Cousins Week' – 6th July 2020

For one week only, Monday – Thursday during the week beginning Monday 6th July, children from **Mrs Cousins' Year 3/4 class** will be invited to take part in provision being led in the Year 5 classroom by **Mr Whitty**. This will see a maximum of 8 children attending the provision at any one time. Parents will be notified of the day their children can attend by Monday 29th June, together with details of access to the school, timings and other associated arrangements.

'Mr Franklin Week' – 13th July 2020

For one week only, Monday – Thursday during the week beginning Monday 13th July, children from **Year 2** will be invited to take part in provision being led in their classroom by **Mr Franklin**. This will see a maximum of 8 children attending the provision at any one time. Parents will be notified of the day their children can attend by Monday 6th July, together with details of access to the school, timings and other associated arrangements.

Why are we working this way?

We have developed this way of working with our key principle of keeping children and adults safe and happy at the forefront of our minds. We are also keen that the approach we have set out :

- Will see an opportunity for every child from Reception through to Year 6 in school join us before the end of the school year – no one in these year groups will miss out;
- Gives the maximum level of confidence to all children and parents – our way of working is building upon what we know parents and children are comfortable with;
- Prevents children in these year groups feeling that they may not join their class and/or teacher again this year;
- Provides a starting point and a greater sense of certainty around the coming weeks of the Summer Term - plans will only change if there are significant changes, positive or negative, to the local and national picture;
- Ensures that there are no compromises made around safety or quality of provision for all children spending time with us.

We feel that it is important that as we progress through the summer term, we offer an opportunity for as many children as possible to see their teacher, so that they can look forward to spending time in school. We are mindful that this must be done safely and with a view to giving children a positive, relaxed and memorable day.

Of course, we are sad that we cannot be welcoming even more children and having them more often, however we feel that the health and safety of your children as well as adults must still come first. We hope that this inclusive approach to providing so many children the opportunity to come into school will just be the start of what we can provide in the future.

We will be writing to parents as the week that their children will be attending approaches - our letter will provide details of procedures and expectations as we spend time together in this new way. Our letter dated 18th May, also on the school website and via School Gateway is still available to view and provides much of the detail that you will need to know – please take a look at this if you feel unsure of what things will look like in any way.

Yours sincerely

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