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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. It has been an extremely busy time in everyone's homes but I hope we have been able to support you well. It has certainly made our staff smile by seeing and hearing some of the fantastic things you have been doing with your children.

By now you will have heard the Government news that there is a *possibility* that schools will reopen on 1<sup>st</sup> June for priority groups. For an infant school this is **Reception**.

I am sure you must be thinking, just as I am, how we can socially distance children? In truth, it's nearly impossible! However, there are actions we will put in place to reduce any potential spread of infection as much as possible. These include:

- Teaching in smaller consistent groups
- Frequent hand washing and good hygiene practices
- Regular and additional cleaning
- Minimising the number of adult contacts a child has
- Making rooms as spacious as possible
- Maximising the use of outdoor learning
- No objects will be transferred between home and school (e.g. book bags)
- Staggered play times
- Hot Dinners will be served in dining hall (one choice)
- Allowing only 1 parent to drop off/pick up
- Markings around school the school building, both inside and out to encourage 2m distancing

Children will be taught in small groups of no more than 8 pupils. Your child may not be taught by their own class teacher or in their own classroom. Once children are attached to a small group or 'teaching bubble,' they will remain with this same group and adults attached to it. This will reduce the number of contacts that the children have whilst in school.

As parents there are some things we ask of you to support our attempts to minimise risks to our children and staff. So these other measures we are putting into place to ensure everyone's safety are:

- Staggered start and end times to ensure that social distancing can be adhered to. The lead teacher for your child's group will inform you of this.
- Only one parent will be allowed onto the school property. We will respectfully ask that you remain 2m back from staff if you need to speak with them.
- There will be an entrance and exit onto the site, to reduce congestion at gates.
- Do not enter the school office but contact by phone or email.



- Your child will need to **bring a filled water bottle into school each day**.
- Where possible the children should wear school uniform. We appreciate that some children will have grown out of things over the past eight weeks so understand that you may need to use other clothing also. However, to support our return to school, we ask that pupils wear clothes similar to uniform e.g. plain t-shirts, not sports tops.
- It is important that the children's clothes are washed **daily** to reduce risks. We know that you will understand these are essential to keep our community safe.
- The Government asks that children are strongly encouraged to attend school, however, parents **WILL NOT** be fined for non-attendance during this time. Parents need to make the right decision for their child. As stated previously, we will still continue to provide home learning for those not in school. Our Trust will continue to provide FSM vouchers to *all* children who are eligible until school closure on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

If schools open on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, this will be for teachers only to prepare fully for the safe return of your children. Our first *potential* opening date for children will be **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**.

To ensure the school receives the additional cleaning required and to enable the continuity of home learning, school will only be open from **Monday to Thursday** (closed on Fridays, except for our Key Worker children). If you have stated that your child will be returning, a member of staff will contact you with details of times, which door etc., this will be by phone on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Our curriculum will initially be based around establishing routines and rules. We will place a great emphasis on Personal, Social and Emotional education, as like all of us, our pupils have been through unprecedented times. Following this, we will then begin to look at basic skills of English and Maths, in line with the home learning that will continue to be set for those who do not return to school.

Wider reopening to other year groups will take place if and when it is safe to do so. We will follow Government guidance and inform you when this changes. If and when the Government asks us to open the school up for other year groups, then the provision for your child may change again and this could possibly mean a reduced timetable for your child in school.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unusual circumstances. I apologise that we are unable to give precise detail of school re-opening details but as well as awaiting further Government guidance, it is essential that we assess every potential risk for the safety of the Alexandra Community. Please contact the school email with any queries you have. Please stay safe and take care.

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