



Kea Community Primary School

14 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Phased school re-opening

As you are aware, the government have announced that schools are to re-open to pupils from YF, Y1 and Y6 from 1 June at the earliest. The government will confirm this date by 28 May. I am writing to give you some more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

I am in the process of consulting with school staff and governors as well as headteachers of other local schools; we are in the process of compiling a risk assessment.

In order to ensure maximum safety for the pupils and to provide as much social distance as possible, the following things will need to be in place:

- Pupils will be divided into groups of no more than 15. Groups will remain together for all lessons, break and lunchtimes – and it is highly likely they won't have contact with children from other groups.
- School start and finish times will be staggered to reduce the number of people coming in/out of school at a time. Break and lunch times will also be staggered.
- Children will go straight to their classrooms when they arrive at school. They will not be allowed to play freely before or after school.
- The number of school staff working with your child/ren will be very limited – it is highly likely your child will not have contact with other adults.
- We will continue to provide child care provision for children of key workers who have no other means of providing care for their children and for vulnerable children.
- Cleaning of the school will be rigorous including throughout the school day, particularly of surfaces, chair backs, door handles, hand rails and toilet areas.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands very well regularly throughout the day.
- Hand gel will be provided in all classrooms and in the school reception area.
- Home learning will no longer be provided for pupils in YF, Y1 and Y6 as their teachers will be in school working with pupils every day.
- Home learning will continue to be provided for pupils in Y2, 3, 4 and 5, although in some cases this may be slightly less detailed and with fewer opportunities for individual feedback to pupils, as teachers from these classes will also be working with pupils in school on a rota basis.
- Hot meals will be provided by the school kitchen.
- Pupils or staff with any symptoms COVID will not be permitted into the school and will need to self-isolate for two weeks.

It is likely that there will be a phased return during the week of 1 June – not all groups of children will start on the same day.



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The government have stated that parents will not be penalised or fined if they choose not to send their children back to schools. Attendance data for schools will not be collected in the normal way.

Parents of children in YF, 1 and 6, please send an e-mail to the school office indicating whether you would like your child to return to school at this time. Your responses, as well as feedback from staff (several staff members and members of their close family are clinically vulnerable and will need to continue shielding – away from school) will help inform our risk assessment.

It would also be helpful to know whether you or your family have been affected with COVID-19 and whether you have been tested.

I will continue to monitor government advice and will write to you with further information towards the end of next week.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Hunkin
Headteacher