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Dear Parents and Carers,

Phased School Return

I hope you are all safe and well.

Following on from the Trust's letter regarding plans for school opening, I would like to share what some of the arrangements will look like at Church Hill Infant School.

Year 2 Transition

Firstly, I must begin by saying that although the DFE are clear on their guidance regarding which year groups should return to school; we share the same disappointment knowing that we will not be able to see our Year 2 pupils and provide our normal transition experiences. We will therefore ensure that we liaise carefully with the Junior School to plan alternative transition arrangements. Whether this is virtual and/or remote, we understand that this will not be the same but hope together we can support our pupils to prepare for their next stage in their school life. We will be in contact with all of our Year 2 families after half term with more details.

Year 1 and Reception Pupils phased return

As you will now know, we will be welcoming our Year 1 children back to school on Monday 8th June. Depending on our numbers and staffing capacity there is a possibility that our Reception children could also return from Monday 15th June. However, as an Infant school we have different capacity issues to a normal all through primary school and if all Year 1 and Reception children were to come back, we would have to accommodate two thirds of our school with less classroom space and less staff. As you can imagine, this could be quite challenging and so to help us plan carefully we are requesting that all parents confirm whether their child will be attending by following this link to a short survey.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=33_wzdLTyk2HVK3vxmXhiNUQRRsx7yNkoO0pDEJdJwZUQINZV0s4S0g5Vlk5Qk5TVFY3WDhQN0JYMC4u

Please do take the time to complete this survey as we will base our plans on these exact numbers.

Staggered drop off and pick up times.

We wanted to give parents advance notice that as we will be preparing for smaller groups of pupils (between 10 -14) working in "bubbles" we will be introducing staggered drop off and pick up times. We will be asking for parents to adhere to their allocated time slot to help with social distancing at these peak times. We understand that this could be tricky due to work commitments but ask that parents support us in this to minimise risk. Following the results from the survey, we will contact parents about our specific arrangements for the 8th June onwards.



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Key Worker Pupils

All key worker pupils will be able to access our provision as usual and our school will be open over half term and Bank Holiday Monday. From Monday 8th June all Year 1 Key Worker Pupils will be added to a new bubble and accessing full time provision with their peer group. Please be mindful that the staggered drop off and pick up time slot will change according to that of the new bubble.

Virtual Learning

I am really pleased that our online/virtual learning has been received so well by our families. It has been wonderful to see the children sharing their achievements with their teachers and finding a way to still feel connected. Irrespective of school opening, we will ensure that our online/virtual learning continues for all year groups.

Finally...

I would like to thank all of our parents for their continued support during these unprecedented times. I think we are all looking forward to some normality and for school life to be the way it should be but for now I would like to thank our families for their understanding. As always, please do contact us via Study Bugs if you would like to discuss any of the details in this letter.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Bulsara
Headteacher

