

18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a good weekend.

Thank you to those parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who responded to our request to let us know how you feel about a return to school. Your replies were very interesting and we found it useful to hear about some of your thought processes on this matter. It does give us a feel for what you're thinking and your concerns. They will be useful in helping with our future planning.

*'All schools are different, and it is not possible for the government to set specific national guidelines that could be universally applicable.'*

Our outline plans and risk assessments will be finalised this week and we will share these with you when every risk has been addressed. These are the areas we are currently focussing on:

- Pupils must be taught in class sizes of no more than 15 children, resulting in a limit to the physical space we have available
- Smaller classes require additional teaching and support staff from other year groups, who also have to maintain remote learning for the children in their own classes, and carry out regular welfare checks
- Keyworker and vulnerable children from other year groups are still able to access provision daily under the Government offer and these children need to be kept in bubble groups
- The Government has said that children in school do not need to 2 metre social distance (which is impossible in school with the youngest children) when in these groups, but each group must remain the same and groups must not mix. Where possible this will also include the same staff with each group.
- Due to the above, breaktimes and lunchtimes need to be carefully timed, supervised and play areas zoned
- Movement around the school must be carefully managed so that groups do not mix in areas such as cloakrooms, corridors, etc

Best wishes,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Smith and the Clanfield Team

- Pupils are not permitted to share particular resources and equipment
- Adult to adult contact must be to an absolute minimum. This is both parent to parent and parent to staff. We may need to stagger drop off and pick up times and control parent and pupil traffic on site before and after school
- The Government has said that their ambition is for all children to have the opportunity to return to school for a month before the end of the year and so we need a sustainable and manageable plan.

We are missing all the children and desperately want them back in school. We also recognise that some parents may need to return to work. **We hope you understand though that the safety of your children and our staff must come above everything else.**

Further details of our offer for your child, will be communicated once we have confirmed the organisation and completed all the necessary risk assessments, consulting further with the Local Authority.

It is also worth noting, the Government has asked schools to start planning for the 1st June, but no announcement will be made until the **28th May** (during half term) based on up to date scientific data.

We understand that some children or parents may be in categories that will prevent children returning to school and many parents will be worried about the potential risks that returning to school could pose. We do not want any parent to make a decision that they are not comfortable with. We would encourage parents to send their children to school, but parents will not be penalised for keeping their children at home.

This is the final week before our half term break; the weather looks great so take a look at **School Games @ home**. If you fancy a more unusual challenge, School Games is organising Sock Fest 2020 with fun physical and cultural challenges for all ages with a score sheet. Do give it a go; it comes highly recommended from one of our own children!

<https://www.activeoxfordshire.org/school-games/>

Yours sincerely

Kim Rogers, Kate Smith, Olivia Hawkins and Lucy Tulloch

Co-Headteachers

Co-Chair of Governors