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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Wider school re-opening letter 2

Hope you are all safe and well.

We had a very successful start to our school's wider re-opening this week. At the moment this has been for the children of key workers, the vulnerable children and the children from Y6.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June we opened with three bubbles in place for the children of key workers. One of these bubbles is for key worker children in the EYFS, the second is for our Y1/2 key worker children in key stage one and the last is for the Y3/4/5 key worker children.

Then on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June we welcomed back our Y6 children. We have two bubbles set up for them.

We have been delighted with how well the children have taken on board all the changes to the daily routine and the way that they have understood the need to help keep themselves and all the other members of the school, and wider, community safe by following them. They really have all been stars!

Safety has been very much at the forefront of all our planning and risk assessment. It has been great to see all the measures working so well in practice. We even had a socially distanced fire drill this morning for the children in their new bubbles. We will also be sending out a letter today that explains what we will be doing, and what we ask of you as parents or carers, if your child shows symptoms of coronavirus (COVID19).

On a practical note, for those children who have returned to school, we did say that pack lunches must be brought in a plastic bag. However, we understand the difficulties that finding so many bags is causing! In light of this, we are now saying that the children can use a lunch box each day. We would ask that these are containers with a hard surface that can easily be wiped clean.



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Every week we will run a survey for the parents and carers of the groups that are eligible to return to school to see whether they want to access a place at school. This survey will run until noon on the Friday. After the survey, we can allocate the places that have been requested for the coming week and see what spare capacity we have.

If we see that we do have the places, the next class that we would look to welcome back is Reception. At this point we are not looking at any year groups beyond this. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff capacity or space to accommodate the return of the nursery, Y1 or any other children.

We will review week by week whether we are able to bring back some of the Reception class. If it is possible for us to do this we will inform the parents and carers from this class straight away.

We are very aware that for many parents and carers this means that there is no immediate prospect for their children coming back into school. As a result, we will continue to work really hard to support the home learning that is taking place. We have set up a special staff team to support this and we have been really impressed by the quality and quantity of what is being done by the children at home. Again we would like to pass on our thanks for all this wonderful work and effort. We will continue to work hard at delivering the best support we can to our home based children until they are able to come back into school.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the hard work from the school's staff and governors to enable the first phase of our wider re-opening to go so smoothly. It is only with their wonderful support, and collective effort, that we have been able to do this.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,  
Mark Foster,  
Head teacher.