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Tuesday 19th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter needs to be read in addition to the letter sent to you from Jonathan Lewis, Education Service Director for the Local Authority.

Thank you all for your continued support as we try to find our way through this phase of your child's education. I have decided to send the same letter to all parents and carers so that you can all know what is happening, therefore please accept my apologies if some parts of this letter are not relevant to you.

Thank you to all parents and carers of pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 who completed our online survey last week following the government announcement that all schools will have a phased re-opening from 1st June to EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. Since asking you to indicate your preferences about your child returning to school, Government guidance has changed, therefore I thought it would be helpful to clarify a few things as best I can based on the current guidance. This information is not meant to 'scaremonger' nor encourage you to send your child if they are eligible, it is simply the facts. At the end of the email, if your child is in EYFS, Y1 or Y6 you will be asked to complete a grid to email back to us by Wednesday 19th June 3.00pm.

Schools will not know whether or not they are opening until 28th May at the earliest. You will be informed by letter whether we will be open or not. The top priority is the safety of pupils, school staff and their respective families. The phased re-opening will be reviewed on a weekly basis. It is unlikely that all eligible pupils will be able to return to school during the week beginning 1st June. Schools have been asked to prioritise Key worker pupils, EYFS, Year 1 and then year 6. Each group will be considered in that order. The first pupils will return on Thursday 4th June.

All pupils, including year 6 will only be able to come to school if they are accompanied to and from school by a parent in order to ensure social distancing continues beyond the school gate.

I am afraid I cannot guarantee that there will be social distancing adhered to in school. We will do our best however we cannot mitigate all risk. In year 6 this is more achievable due to the age, responsibility and nature of the pupils. We will manage and balance risk, rather than eliminate it completely.

A deep clean of the school is being undertaken prior to the WB June 1st. All soft furnishings will be removed from classrooms and desks spaced appropriately. All children in school will be given pencils and books to use in school. These will stay in school and be used by that child only in school.

There will be no more than 15 pupils in a class known as a 'bubble'. School remains open to the pupils of keyworkers. These pupils will be taught alongside other keyworker pupils in different age groups. Those pupils of keyworkers that are in EYFS, Year 1 and year 6 will move into their year groups as and when their peers start school. The pupils of key workers will remain as a bubble. Should pupil numbers rise for these groups, a new 'bubble' will be risk assessed and established.

The number of pupils in each bubble will be determined by the size of the classroom space and the toilet and handwashing facilities available for each bubble to use. Therefore your child might not be with their class teacher, in their classroom and they might not be with close friends. Each bubble will have its own Midday supervisor, teacher and LSA. Bubbles will be kept apart throughout the school day including playtimes and lunchtimes.





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The curriculum will be different to how it was before lockdown for both school pupils and home learners. The Government is re-directing schools to put emphasis and focus on school learning rather than home learning. This means that the home learning provision, feedback and communication that parents receive from teachers will be less. I will contact you with more information on this at a later date. Subjects such as PE and art may not be taught. There will not be any Italian lessons.

The school start and finish time will be staggered in order to prevent gatherings of parents and your child may come in to school and leave school through a different door in order to reduce pupil numbers in any one space at one time. This will be communicated to you before half term. Government guidance states that Employers should be working with employees in order to plan for a different school day timetable. The school will close to EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils at lunchtime on a Friday afternoon for teachers to plan the following week and for weekly cleaning to take place in addition to the cleaning at the end of every day. It is hoped that a regular time each week known to you is better than ad hoc arrangements. We will get the relevant school day timetable to you as soon as possible.

In order to minimise risk, parents will not be allowed to drop in and drop out of a school place for the rest of this term. Should your circumstances change and you would like your child to start school you need to let the office know as soon as possible. Your child will not be able to start the next day as time will be needed to plan staffing and access arrangements for additional children coming in to school. Therefore, in terms of provision for your child, it is better to be a definite yes or no now.

Year group	Class
Name	Return to school? Yes No

Parents and Carers of pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6, please complete this grid and return it to office@wheatfields.cambs.sch.uk by 3pm Wednesday 20th May.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Theresa Thornton

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