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14th May, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

You will be aware that schools may reopen on 1 June, for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, if the government thinks it's safe to do so. This is a very unsettling time for us all, but we will do everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups - if it's safe for our school to reopen - in the coming weeks.

During this time, we will continue to be a caring and nurturing school with your child's best interest at heart, and will carefully follow the guidance issued by the government and the local authority. However, some of the radical actions that we will be taking may be upsetting to some children, and I feel it only fair to let you know about these.

Precautions we will be taking include:

- reducing the number of pupils in each classroom
- adopting a careful approach to hygiene including handwashing routines and additional cleaning
- organising new routines for travelling in and around school
- organising staggered break and lunchtimes
- implementing staggered drop off and collection times

Things you need consider before deciding to send your child into school:

- your child may not be taught by their own class teacher
- your child's class will be split and they may not be with all of their friends
- your child may work in a different classroom
- lessons and learning will look different, the usual end of year activities will not take place
- there will be different start and end times; we may not be able to offer full time provision
- our staffing ratios could change due to illness which would impact on our ability to maintain provision
- your child may experience separation anxiety having to adjust to new routines again
- there may be unfamiliar experiences, e.g. seeing people with face masks during pick up and drop off
- routines will be different; there will be new rules and expectations
- children will not be able to access, and use, all resources
- we will not be able to accommodate individual requests
- there will be no breakfast club, or after-school clubs

I understand that reading the above may not be easy, but it is important to provide you with a realistic view of what a return to school will look like. The vast majority of our pupils enjoy school and relish the positive environment and experiences they are used to; our worry is that the return to school in this format could impact on this.

If you decide not to send your child back to school during this time, you will not be fined. These are new and unusual times and the territory ahead remains unknown; therefore, we will respect your decision and will seek to support all our families through this time.

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning.

If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.



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We are sending out a survey to all parents of Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six children so that we know whether, or not, you wish your child to attend school; this be dependent on whether we can successfully make our school a safe enough place to return.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

I thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. I'll keep you updated once I know more about when schools will be able to reopen for other year groups.

If you decide to keep your child at home beyond 1st June, we'll continue to support you and them with home learning, and provide meal support for those eligible.

If you have any questions, please contact us on: enquiries@bishopking.lincs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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