

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents

I do hope you are all well and keeping safe.

I am contacting you regarding the Government's plan to open schools to more pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> June. As you will be aware, they would like schools to start having Reception, Y1 and Y6 pupils come back.

We want to be certain that whatever plans are made and decisions taken that these are in the best interests of our children, parents and staff. I am sure that you will have many questions but at this time we are unlikely to be able to answer them until we know more. Please find below a link to the Government's guidance for parents and carers which was recently updated. I hope it will answer some of your questions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

It is still very early to know if schools will indeed be able to put everything into place to ensure all the children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6 are able to return on 1<sup>st</sup> June but I will continue to keep you informed. Schools have been sent guidance by the government on how to keep safe with a partial reopening. I have attached the full document below but the highlights are:

- Primary aged children cannot be expected to socially distance.
- Children will be taught in small classes of no more than 15 pupils with a minimum number of adults.
- These 'classes' would remain the same every day so that it reduces contact/mixing with other adults/children.
- 'Classes' remain separate from each other.
- Modified timetable to reduce amount of shared equipment.
- Handwashing will be a priority.
- Regular cleaning of surfaces.
- Staggered start to the beginning and end of the day.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings#class-or-group-sizes>

**Please note that the government have made it clear that parents will not be fined if they choose not to send their child to school.**

In order to help us plan we need to know how you are feeling so I would ask please that **if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 you complete the following and email it to us as soon as possible** at [a3368@telford.gov.uk](mailto:a3368@telford.gov.uk)

Please note that you will not receive a response to this email so please do not ask any additional questions, just answer the given questions based on your current situation.

**If** school is open, I intend to send my child to school on 1<sup>st</sup> June as they are in Reception Year 1 or Year 6. YES/NO **Please make this clear by deleting as appropriate**

Child's Name..... Year Group.....

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Best wishes

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