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Springfield Primary Academy

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): Information about School Opening

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, the government announced on 28th May 2020 that they are continuing with plans to re-open schools for education provision from 1st June 2020, in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The government has stated that whilst it is encouraging pupils to return to school that this is a matter of parental choice at this time.

Following previous letters to you, I can confirm that we **will** be able to reopen **in order to provide childcare to small groups** on the following dates only at this time:

- **Selected Children from Monday 8th June 2020** – Please do not send your child into school unless you have been contacted. We have used details of families who declared a possible childcare need prior to lockdown in the first instance
- We intend to increase the group we provide childcare for in the week beginning 15th June 2020

Unfortunately, we are **not** yet in a position to begin the wider reopening of schools to other year groups at this time. We will review our risk assessment in the week beginning 15th June to determine whether we are able to open for year 6 in the week beginning 22nd June 2020.

As always, the safety of our children and school community is our main priority. We will continue to make every effort to begin the wider reopening of our school, but only when it is completely safe to do so. We will be sure to inform parents and carers as soon as this situation changes.

Safety! Safety! Safety!

The decision to re-open to small groups for childcare as stated above has been made following a full risk assessment. This enables us to ensure we are able to follow all of the guidelines for schools that were published by the government. At this time, our risk assessment shows that:

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- The risk of children catching the infection could potentially be halved by waiting until 15th June 2020 earliest before beginning the wider reopening – this is important, especially in a community largely populated by BAME families
- We need additional PPE to open to wider groups and this is currently still on order

We will be reviewing our risk assessment each week and will continue to keep the situation under review. This may mean that we need to make further changes to current arrangements in the future. If this is the case, we will let parents know as soon as possible.

If our risk assessments show that it is possible to begin the phased wider reopening of school, we will do so as soon as possible and be sure to let you know at the earliest opportunity.

How our school will work

You will also receive a letter to explain the changes to how we will be working as a school, including the measures taken to keep children and families safe, as well as arrangements for picking pupils up and dropping them off. It is really important that we work together to make sure that we are all following the new rules to keep everyone safe.

Admission of pupils into school

Children invited to enter the childcare provision will be **contacted by the school by Wednesday 3rd June 2020** to allow us to ensure we have an appropriate number of staff on the rota to attend school.

If you strongly believe that your child needs to be provided with childcare at school and you have not been contacted please email enquiry@springfieldacademy.org.uk to inform us of your child's name, class and reason childcare is needed.

And finally...

I would like to thank you all again for your support for the school in recent times. Working together we will find a way through this and make sure your child has the chance to grow, learn and thrive in the way that they deserve!

Yours faithfully,



Ms S Taylor
Head of School