## 'Living, Loving, Learning'

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are all well.

I am writing with further information regarding the opening of the school to more children on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

As you can imagine, this has been an extremely challenging task as we have been trying to formulate plans and create risk assessments for further children to attend. We have worked with our Health and Safety consultants to create a plan which will make it 'as safe as it can possibly be' for children and staff on 15<sup>th</sup> June and beyond. All schools have been making plans based on their own individual circumstances and looking at what offer they can provide. This isn't ideal, but unfortunately it is the position we are now in due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Some schools have closed to certain year groups, whilst some are offering only part time, or a staggered return.

Following a site visit, we were advised how many children we could fit on the premises in each dedicated 'POD'. Once we had those numbers, we sent a text message to all parents/carers in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to ascertain how many children were wanting to return. We asked for a response by 5pm last Tuesday. We thank you for your responses and have based our numbers on the responses we received and will be planning with these groups moving forwards. Any children who we have on our list to return will be contacted by telephone early next week. If you did not request a place by this deadline and have not been contacted, we ask that you do not send your child to school. If your situation has/does change and you find you do need a place in school, you must also not bring your child to school, but can request a place and we will inform you if we can accommodate you. Things have been very carefully planned and any changes will need to be considered carefully to ensure that the health and safety of all members of the school is protected. Our school is having a deep clean on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June and we will be closed to all children on this day. We will then be closed on each Friday in order to have a thorough clean of each area in readiness for the following week.

For those children whom we contact who are returning on 15<sup>th</sup> June, I would like to direct parents/carers to some important pieces of information on our website. These can be found on the website in the 'Coronavirus Newsletters' section. In here, you will find the following information:

- Information on the formation of our PODS- where they are and how they are accessed.
- Guidance for parents/carers.
- An amendment to our Behaviour Policy, in light of the coronavirus.

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A presentation to share with your children to prepare them for their return.

When we return, the only school meal option which we will provide will be a packed lunch. If you prefer, you can provide your child with a packed lunch from home but please put this in a disposable bag each day.

We thank you for working with us and recognise that things may have been difficult at home during the lockdown. We are now beginning to see a small return to normality which will be monitored closely by the school governors, Local Authority and indeed the Government. These are the first tentative steps towards what some people have called 'the new normal.' We do not know what the coming weeks hold and indeed what the picture will be in September.

We will keep you informed as best as we can, however we do not want to give you information until things are finalised.

Please keep yourselves and your families safe and we will be in touch soon.

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