**Dear mums, dads and carers                 3 June 2020**

I hope you are well and made the most of the brilliant sunshine!

As you know schools have been asked to plan for the return of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, if their parents want this, from 1 June with CWAC stating that they want schools to look at starting to do this if possible from week beginning 8 June.

Those of you who have children in these year groups have already told me whether or not you plan to send them in when we are able to take them and we have used these numbers to build our plans.

As you will appreciate this is a pretty challenging logistical task and whilst I know you fully understand we cannot guarantee the safety of any members of the school community you will also know that we will do all we can to limit any health dangers.

**It is important that we all do our bit so please do not enter school grounds or premises, if you need to speak to a member of our office staff please telephone or email.**

The school governors, staff and I have agreed to reopen slowly and in a highly controlled manner so that we can train our children in the new ways of school life. We continue to add to our lengthy risk assessment and have detailed plans regarding hygiene and cleanliness, drop off and pick up, movement around school, lunch and playtimes, toilet usage as well as seating, playing and working arrangements.

School and classroom layouts and procedures have been altered to enable us to do all we can to help staff and children to carry out social distancing as much as possible; although we are absolutely being realistic in our expectations regarding this and young children. In order to minimise children mixing with too many others, those whose parents have told us they are returning have been grouped into “bubbles” of less than 15 children which will be kept separate at all times.

Parents and carers of returning children will receive a separate email outlining "bubble" arrangements in detail.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL UNLESS YOU HAVE ALREADY TOLD US YOU PLAN TO AS OUR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE SPECIFICALLY FOR THOSE WE ARE EXPECTING.**

**Key worker and vulnerable children to continue to attend as now. Please bring to main entrance before 8.45am or after 9.15am.**

Whether your child is returning to school or not be assured that my staff and I will continue to do all we can to support our families. As I have said a number of times the safety and wellbeing, both physical and mental, of all members of our school community is my prime concern.  As a number of members of staff will now not have as much time to set and monitor home learning as previously; as they will now be teaching, you may see some changes to this and some non “bubble” staff will now be assisting with year groups where they did not previously.

Thank you for your support with everything, my staff and I are grateful of the many messages of appreciation and thanks we get daily. Keep having a go at the home learning but remember it is not the be all and end all of school life; many of you are doing some brilliant things and I state once again there is no right or wrong way to spend these unprecedented times.

Best wishes, thank you for your support and take care.

Adam Croft