

# BRAMPTON ABBOTTS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **SCHOOL UPDATE 22.05.2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from my previous letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, I am writing to outline our plans for partial re-opening to a wider group of children outside of the key worker and vulnerable groups we have catered for up until now.

Many thanks to all parents and carers for completing the online questionnaire outlining your initial response to government plans for a 'phased return' for primary school. We now have a complete picture of those children returning and those continuing to stay at home. This has helped greatly during the planning of this stage.

The Government have stated their intention for schools to plan for schools to re-open for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on, or after, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 – subject to countrywide key virus indicators being met. To this end, we have spent a significant amount of time working to offer what we believe will be the safest and most sustainable model for children to begin to return to school. For ease of understanding, I have used sub-headings and bullet points or tables to summarise our plans for, at least, the first week back for these year groups.

### **Part-time opening of year groups**

- The school will be opening for the targeted year groups for two separate sessions; on a Monday to Tuesday and a Thursday to Friday.
- All returning year groups (Rec, Y1 and Y6) have been split into two groups – along existing class lines.
- One half of the returning year groups will come in on a Monday and Tuesday, whilst the other half will return on a Thursday and Friday each week – until further notice.
- These plans will be reviewed weekly, pending further guidance from central Government.

### **Guidance for returning families**

- More detailed guidance (referred to as a 'Parental Agreement') – including guidance on clothing, entry and exit to the school site and other important details – will be sent to separately to all families that have stated that their children will be returning to school week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **Key Worker and vulnerable families (to be known as 'Priority' families)**

- If your child/ren have been attending school regularly prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> June, we will continue to offer the care that you have become accustomed to every day of the week. This will continue to follow the same routine of weekly communication to ascertain your care needs – if not already agreed.

### **Home Learning from 1<sup>st</sup> June**

- All staff will be returning on 1<sup>st</sup> June should the school open.
- This will mean that classes will have to offer a different kind of home learning to ensure they can effectively manage their time in school to ensure the safest possible operating procedures during the school day.
- We will continue to offer home learning opportunities for all year groups. However, responses to learning posted on SeeSaw will be much more limited to account for staff time in school.
- On Wednesday, the school will be open to Key Worker children only. This will allow sufficient time to make clean the classes for the changeover for one group to another and for staff to have time to prepare provision for those who are not yet eligible to attend school under the government's staged return plan.

### **Beyond 1<sup>st</sup> June – What if you change your mind**

- We understand the concerns that many of our families share with the return to school at this time.
- Therefore, should you change your mind and want to begin sending your child (from Rec, Y1 and Y6) to school, we ask that you inform the school office (via email or telephone) no later than the Wednesday before the week you would like your child to return.
- This will allow us to ensure staffing levels and the safest possible working practices are maintained each week.

### **Communication**

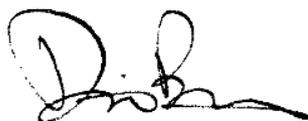
Please use email, text (replying to school texts), Facebook Messenger (via temporary class groups or on the main page), or telephone (during school hours) to communicate with the school or ask a question (see email addresses at end of this letter). We ask that parents do not come into school to communicate in order to maintain social distancing and to minimise potential virus spread.

### **Key email addresses:**

Headteacher (direct) – [dbrearey@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:dbrearey@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk)

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Yours sincerely,



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