



Ark Kings Academy Primary
Headteacher: Mrs C. Brasenell

Monday 18th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following my letter to you on Thursday 14th May 2020, I am writing to update you on our planning for a phased and gradual return to school from the first week in June for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children.

The safety, health and wellbeing of everyone in the school is, of course our highest priority. We are planning how to put into place the measures needed so that the school can be run safely, hygienically and with appropriate procedures in place. In order to prioritise the safety of our pupils and staff, we may not be able to accommodate all the year groups the government has identified.

The Government has stressed that all re-opening plans will depend on infection rates decreasing and it won't make its **final decision on whether schools can definitely reopen until May 28th**. This uncertainty makes planning difficult, but we will continue to develop our plans to welcome some children back into school – we really miss seeing them!

The Government guidance says that no more than 15 children can be in a classroom when school reopens, currently 13 in a nursery setting. We will therefore need to manage the number of pupils and staff that your children play and learn with whilst in school. To prioritise these key groups, the Government has said that siblings outside of the identified year groups will not be able to attend school. In addition, it will be important that we avoid large numbers of children and parents gathering at the beginning and end of the school day. This will probably mean we will have to stagger the times that groups arrive and leave.

In order to put the appropriate measures needed in place, we need to know how many children are going to come to school should we reopen from 1st June onwards. **We will be sending parents/carers of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 a text message later today, Monday 18th May 2020, asking if you do plan to send you child back to school, please reply to the text by Midday on Wednesday 20th May 2020.** Once we know how many children to expect, we can then start to work out when each group can return during the summer term. This will be staggered over a few weeks.

If your child is already attending our Community Classrooms for key worker and vulnerable children, they can continue to do so regardless of which year group they are in and we encourage them to attend. If your child has specific health vulnerabilities, they should not come to school, please speak to a member of staff if you are unsure.

I will write to you again at the end of this week on Friday 21st May 2020 when I can hopefully share with you specific arrangements and plans for each year group. Please do bear with us, I know that many of you will already have lots of questions, but I would ask for your patience and understanding as we continue to organise the return to school.

In the meantime, please do continue to encourage your child with their home learning – we have seen such brilliant work. We hope that you and your families are well and safe at this time and I will be in touch next week.

Yours sincerely,

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