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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are all well and keeping safe.

Over the last week we have received further guidance from the Government about the reopening of schools from the 1<sup>st</sup> June. We have also received guidance and support from the Local Authority and our school Governors. There will be a further announcement from the Government on the 28<sup>th</sup> May and only if the 5 targets have been met will schools be asked to open further on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The **safety of the staff, pupils and families** is and always will be our priority and we will not rush this process.

### Government guidance

Attendance at school is optional - parents/carers will not be fined for non-attendance

Children who have medical conditions and are shielding should not attend school

Children who live with someone who is shielding (clinically extremely vulnerable and have received a letter from the Government) should not attend school

Vulnerable children and the children of key workers will continue to attend school in the same way they have been

### Key worker and vulnerable children provision (priority group)

Following school closures on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, our schools have continued to provide childcare provision for the Government's identified 'priority groups' – children of key workers and vulnerable pupils (those with an EHCP and/or a social worker). This group of children continue to be the priority group to attend school.

### Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

We have now spoken to almost every family who has a child in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Thank you for all your questions, for sharing with us your concerns and for your ongoing support. We have carried out a risk assessment and, based on the current numbers of pupils wanting to return, the available staff and the size of our classrooms, we have decided to limit our group sizes further to ensure safe distances can be maintained and stagger the return of these year groups. We are therefore planning to bring one group back at a time.

**Please note that we will monitor the return of each group carefully and if we feel that we are unable to accommodate any further children at any stage we will let you know.**

**Here is our planned timetable for a phased return:**

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

School Closed for staff training.

### Phase 1 - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

All children from the 3 schools currently attending Snowsfields will return to their own school.

Any child in the priority group (see above) who has let us know they wish their child to be in school.



## Phase 2 - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Children in Year 1

## Phase 3 - (PROVISIONAL DATE TO BE CONFIRMED Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June)

Children in Reception

## Phase 4 - (PROVISIONAL DATE TO BE CONFIRMED Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June)

Children in Year 6

At the moment we are not planning on bringing back any nursery children who do not fall into the priority group.

Our plans are based on the current numbers of families who said they would be sending their child/ren back to school as and when we reopen. If you have changed your mind about sending your child/ren back to school since we have spoken to you, please let us know immediately. If you have said you will not be sending your child/ren back to school but then change your mind, you will need to contact the school as we cannot guarantee we will have the capacity to accommodate your child back in school.

We will keep this arrangement under a weekly review as we are aware that although some of our children may be eligible for a key worker place at school they may choose not to use it. Government guidance states that we need to plan for the maximum number of children in the first instance and then review the uptake regularly to see if any further children can be accommodated. The weekly review will enable us to monitor the uptake of places from the priority group and then plan for the potential wider opening to designated year group/s if and where possible. We have to ensure we increase the number of children in the school building in an informed and measured way, in order to limit the potential of the virus spreading.

### What you need to know if your child is returning to school:

You must drop off your child between **8.45am and 9.15am**.

You must collect your child at the end of the day between **3pm and 3.30pm**.

Only 1 parent is allowed to drop off/collect their child/ren.

Please make sure you are social distancing from other families.

Visitors and parents/carers cannot enter the site and/or gather at school gates.

All children must wear school uniform.

Your child/ren must not bring with them anything from home (except a water bottle with their name on it).

This includes any work that they have completed while at home and book bags.

They will be taught in groups of no more than **11 children**. Each group will have allocated adults. They may not have their current teacher.

Groups of children will not mix together during the day - this will involve staggered break and lunch times.

We will try to ensure social distancing at all times as best we can, although this is a lot harder with the younger children.

Movement around the school will be limited- groups will keep to the use of 1 classroom for the day. They will also eat lunch in this classroom.

All classrooms will be set up following the new guidelines. Furniture and equipment will be removed to allow for social distancing and more effective daily cleaning. Where possible children will not share equipment and resources.

The children in school will be following a similar curriculum to the children working at home.

Additional cleaning of the site and equipment has been arranged. There will be a sanitizing deep clean of Snowfields before the 1<sup>st</sup> June. Cleaning stations will be set up in each class to allow staff to clean as they go. Shared areas such as toilets, staircases, doors etc will be cleaned frequently throughout the day. Some equipment will be cleaned after use or at the end of each day. The school will also be thoroughly cleaned each day.

Please continue to phone and email us if you need to share information or ask questions. You will not have the usual daily contact with the teaching staff. We will not be sending home letters etc. and minimising any face to face contact. We will call or email you instead (this includes if your child has an accident).

### Home Learning

Teachers will continue to provide learning opportunities on all our online platforms, through Twitter and class Google pages and through the weekly home learning sheet that is emailed to you every Monday.

We know how hard it has been for parents to decide whether to send your child/ren into school or not. We know that some of you will have to return to work and don't have any other option. We know that all of you will be feeling anxious. We will continue to support you the best we can and are doing everything to keep your children safe.

If you need to speak to someone at school you can call Snowfields on 0207 525 9065 during the half term week, or from June 1<sup>st</sup> call the school office at the school they attend; Tower Bridge 0207 407 2959, Robert Browning 0207 708 3456.

Kind regards,

*K. Wooder.*

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Executive Headteacher

