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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

As you may have heard the Government announced last night that they have met the 5 tests and therefore schools can begin to reopen from Monday 1st June.

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)

Children of key workers and vulnerable pupils (those with an EHCP and/or a social worker) continue to be the priority group to attend school. We may ask for evidence of key worker status.

Here is our planned timetable for a phased return:

Monday 1st June

School Closed for staff training.

Phase 1 - Tuesday 2nd 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 15th June

Children in Year 1

Phase 3 - (PROVISIONAL DATE TO BE CONFIRMED Monday 22nd June)

Children in Reception

Phase 4 - (PROVISIONAL DATE TO BE CONFIRMED Monday 29th 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. There are also no plans currently to bring back children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 unless the children are in the priority group.

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.

If you requested a place but have changed your mind about sending your child/ren back to school since we have spoken to you, please let us know immediately so we can offer this place to another child.

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. **Please do not just turn up at school.**



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.
- Please do not be offended if a member of staff reminds you of this – it is important that we get the children into school and adults away from the site as promptly and smoothly as possible
- If your child is reluctant to come into school, please be aware that **we cannot help you by taking your child from you** and you will need to leave with your child and try again later through the school office, or on another day
- 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. They may be with children from other year groups.
- Groups of children will not mix together during the day - this will involve staggered break and lunch times.
- The adults in school will talk to the children about the measures and expectations, listen to their concerns and reassure where they can.
- 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 1st 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).
- **If your child struggles to follow the new guidance in school, and behaves in a way that is a risk to health and safety, they may be asked to stay at home.**
- In the event of staff absence, we may have to ask you to keep your child at home. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

If they have a high temperature, loss of smell or taste or a new, continuous, dry cough, please let us know and book your child to be tested immediately. Other families in your child's group will be notified that they need to stay at home until the test result is returned. If the test result is positive, the symptomatic child will need to stay at home for 7 days. The other children in the group will need to stay at home for 14 days. If the test result is negative, then the ill child should stay at home until they are well and the remaining children can return to school immediately. If your child is unwell at school we will contact you immediately to come and collect them and their siblings. They may then need to stay off school for 7 days.

Fridays

School will be **closed every Friday afternoon** to all children except those of **key workers**. This is to allow a deeper clean to take place. **If you are not a key worker, you will need to pick your child up at 1pm**

Free School Meal Vouchers

If you have been receiving the Free School Meal Vouchers because you are in receipt of certain benefits and your child returns to school, the vouchers will stop and your child will get a free lunch at school.

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.

Also please look at our weekly newsletter for lots of information to support you and your child, whether they are returning to school or continuing to learn at home.

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 1st 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

