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Dear parents

Risk assessments are well underway for the potential partial reopening of the school in June and, as soon as we have more details, we will share our ideas with you for your comments. As we said last week, it will take some time to ensure that we are able to meet government guidelines and the local authority's advice is not to rush the process.

Government guidelines include:

- *minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend childcare settings, schools or colleges*
- *cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered*
- *ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach*
- *cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach*
- *minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times)*

Parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y6 received a survey from us last week in which to update us with their particular circumstances. From this, we can start planning staff in school. We need to plan as if all children in these cohorts will be returning but you, as a parent, do not have to send your child back. *'Whilst there will be no penalty for families who do not send their children to school, families will be strongly encouraged to take up these places - unless the child or a family member is shielding or the child is particularly vulnerable due to an underlying condition.'* You will be asked at a later date if you intend your child to return to school in June, should we be able to reopen. The government have made it clear that *'if the virus stays on the downward slope, and the R remains below 1, then – and only then – will it become safe to go further, move to the second step and reopen schools.'*

Class sizes will be reduced and we are still discussing how this can best be done for our setting. Government guidance issued overnight on Thursday suggests that we cannot run a rota system, as we had hoped, so some children will return to an adult who they know but is not their usual class teacher and possibly not to their usual classroom.



We will remain open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children up to, including and after the half term holiday. Please book your places in advance by calling us on 01926 775453 or emailing [admin2325@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2325@welearn365.com)

Please continue to bear with us as we work through this process to ensure that our plans are as safe as they can be for our pupils and staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Simpkins'.

Mrs Simpkins  
Headteacher

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Mr R Binnie  
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