20th May, 2020

Dear Colleague,

From the week commencing 1st June at the earliest, the Government will be asking primary schools to open for certain year groups alongside priority groups. As you are aware all of our students fall under the priority group of vulnerable children therefore very little will change for our school. Our recent letter to parents outlines how we plan to safely address children returning.

The majority of our students will still be accessing remote learning. Please use [www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19) as a reference for safeguarding guidance. We will also be auditing our internet safety policy in light of the new usage. Ive uploaded sessions to our website to encourage Parents and children to improve their knowledge and safety measures.

As you know, our first priority is the health and safety of the children and staff.  The measures taken by the school are in accordance with Government guidelines and are covered in our recent Home School Agreement. I assure you that we will do our utmost to provide a safe and caring environment for both children and our wonderful staff. Most of our staff have already been involved in the school changes, and have therefore had experience of supervising children using strict social distancing and regular sanitising. We have increased safety measures aside from the standard guidance to give extra support.

Some key points of assurance:

• The children are to arrive/depart at staggered times, limiting the amount of interaction with others and to prevent a build up in the corridor and will be coached in a new building etiquette.

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  promptness to the correct room enable this to work.

listen out for staff direction and follow markings for 2m distancing. •

 We plan to teach the children in groups of 2(each group in their own room) and interaction will be minimised to their own group,

 ensuring they remain in their group during learning, lunch times and break times, and adhering to strict social distancing.

 Staff will supervise this carefully.  •

lunch time/break will be staggered

lunch will be a pre packed lunch

  Each child will have their own named desk (2m apart).

 On each desk they have a plastic pocket containing materials for their own personal use (pencils, pens etc). Materials will be provided by the school and no items will be shared between pupils. Please do not bring bags/personal items into school. •

 hand sanitiser provided outside before entering the school building each day.

 Handwashing time will then be supervised on arrival into school, and at regular intervals throughout the day, in particularly before eating.

• Hand sanitisers, antibacterial sprays, soap, tissues, paper towels and other cleaning products are plentiful within the school, and the school/classes will be cleaned regularly throughout the day including surfaces, doors, handles, taps etc and each child’s table.

  Visitors are requested not to enter the school, and instead to telephone the office to request to speak to a member of staff•

A long lunch will  not take place, however regular short sessions of outdoor exercise (with strict social  distancing) will take place throughout the day.

 PPE is available in every class for use by adults if needed but advised not to be used by children unless sent in by their parents

I will be posting a demonstration video via our facebook page over half term showing everyone how we have prepared the school for the safety of our staff, parents and children, and what to expect on their arrival to school.

Provisional time table for if children need to attend daily : 9.30-14.00

Monday Farm

Tuesday Lynn and Clare

Wednesday Mel and Lynn

Thursday Mel and Clare

Friday Lynn and Mel

**Kindest regards**

**Emma & Melanie**

**Intuition Principals**

 **Useful government website links are as follows:**

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-educationand-childcare-settings

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wideropening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-educationand-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-personsfrom-covid-19/covid-19-guidance-on-protecting-people-most-likely-to-get-unwell-from-coronavirus-shielding-youngpeoples-version

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-personsfrom-covid-19

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirusoutbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

\*Vulnerable child definition:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-youngpeople/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people