



19th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and that your children are happy and safe. We are all missing the children so much here at Park Grove! We are busy making improvements inside the building which we really hope you will all get to see at some point soon!

You will have now had the letter from Ebor Academy giving you some information about our possible reopening on 1st June. The reason we are still saying 'possible' is because the government can still change their minds before then.

This information letter is written with the assumption that we will attempt to open for Reception, Year One and Year 6 pupils. This will be a staggered approach with only Reception children invited to attend from Tuesday 2nd June. Year One will follow the week after if we feel it is safe and Year 6 again the week after that.

Children will only be able to come to school on a part time basis. They will either come as group A – for Monday and Tuesday or group B for Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays, we will be closed for a deep clean, except for key worker children. There will also be staggered starts and finishes to the day.

At this stage we are only planning week by week because we need to see how it goes in terms of keeping staff and children safe. We will be sending a google form out to Reception parents this week. We will need to at this point know whether Reception parents will or will not be sending their child to school. If you reply 'no' you cannot then bring your child without first getting in touch with us.

Children will be in small groups of approximately 10 children. They will be with an adult - either a teacher or a teaching assistant. They will not necessarily be with an adult they already know. We have to use all staff to keep our numbers low.

Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered and we will do everything we can to keep the children apart as much as possible. They will not mix with any child outside their own group. Lunch will be safer in your child's allocated room with the group they are with throughout the day, instead of eating in the hall with all the children together.

Our first priority is the safety and health of every child and every staff member. We need to keep groups small and separate. If your child shows any symptoms of Coronavirus or has any contact with anybody with symptoms they cannot come into school.



We will not be following a curriculum in school. We will instead be helping the children to do the work that would have been sent home. We will take them outside wherever possible.

To be very clear here is a timetable of when we are planning to open for each year group which could be subject to change.

Tuesday 2nd June – Reception

Monday 8th June – Reception and Year One

Monday 15th June – Reception, Year One and Year Six

We will write to each of the above year groups nearer the time and ask for a yes or no response. We will then allocate time slots and days to children which will be 2 days in total per week. Children cannot change group's part way through. The staffing will remain the same for each group. There will be no fines or penalties for any parent who chooses to keep their children at home.

I am sorry to have to write this in such a way but it is so important that everybody understands that we can only offer anything where safety is the key factor. It is not only the children who are at risk but also the staff and their families so very clear rules and guidance must be followed.

Reception parents can expect a letter in the next few days. All Reception parents need to let us know on the google form whether they intend to bring their children to school. Letters will follow for Year 1 and Year 6 nearer the time.

There are no changes to provision for key worker children and parents will still need to complete the form each week.

Stay safe!

Best wishes,

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