



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

I am sure you are aware that the government is planning for children to return to school from the week commencing 1st June. We may, from June, be open to children in reception, year 1 and year 6. At this point in time it's a maybe, but we are planning for children in these years to return by following government guidance to try and ensure school is a safe place for everyone.

The guidance gives schools some details of the changes that will need to be made for effective infection protection and control. As a result children will be entering a very different school environment from the one they left in March. As we plan for a return I would like to share some of the changes that will be made in line with the government guidance.

- Classes will be split into smaller groups. Your child may have a different teacher, from their normal one, depending on the grouping.
- Class groups will stay together throughout the day and will not be able to mix together. This means that some children may not be able to play with or mix with children from the same year group they are friendly with. We will endeavour to ensure we take into account friendships when we group children.
- Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered with class groups accessing different parts of the school, at different times, to avoid mixing together.
- Unnecessary items and items that are hard to clean will be removed from classrooms.
- Children will be expected to practice social distancing. The school will be organised for this, but with the best will in the world we can't guarantee we will be able to enforce this, especially with younger children.
- Teaching staff will adjust teaching and learning so that practical resources that children touch and manipulate are not used.
- We will ask that children bring in their own pencil case and equipment that is only used by them.
- Parents will be expected to practice social distancing when dropping off and collecting children. Parents will not be able to congregate in groups. There will probably be a time slot for drop off and collection.
- A one way system for entering the school grounds will be in operation.
- Classrooms will be accessed from the outside door.



- Any child that develops symptoms will be isolated from their group with the expectation that they are collected from school immediately and then self-isolate for 7 days.
- If there is a confirmed case of coronavirus within a class group, the rest of the group will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

We realise that school will be a very different experience for children. It is not the way we would choose to operate, but the guidance is there to try and keep everyone safe.

To help us plan for the return of reception, year 1 and year 6 would you please let us know whether you intend to send your child back to school when we open in June? We have been told there will be no fines administered for non-attendance. Please email admin@heathfields.derbyshire.sch.uk or call 01283 813255 stating the child's name, year group and whether or not they will be attending. If you could let us know by Friday 15th. I will be in school all of this week and if you wish to speak to me please call the school between 9 am and 3 pm. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Whyman

