



Lunsford Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

We know you've seen in the news that schools may reopen on 1 June to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils if the government thinks it is safe to do so.

We have received some further guidance and clarification from the government, which is helping us to create a risk assessment and action plan for our phased reopening. We will share this with you as soon as possible, so you know what the schools reopening will look like in practice.

To highlight just a few of the things, the guidance has asked us to consider:

- carrying out a risk assessment before opening to more children and young people - the assessment should directly address risks associated with coronavirus, so that sensible measures can be put in place to minimise those risks for children, young people and staff
- making sure that children and young people do not attend if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus
- promoting regular hand washing for 20 seconds with running water and soap or use of sanitiser and ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it approach
- cleaning more frequently to get rid of the virus on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, table tops, play equipment and toys
- minimising contact through smaller classes or group sizes and altering the environment as much as possible, such as changing the layout of classrooms
- reducing mixing between groups through timetable changes, such as staggered break times or by introducing staggered drop-off and collection times

As you can appreciate the reopening of the school, following all the health and safety guidance for pupils and staff is a huge undertaking, so in order for us to plan as effectively as possible it would be helpful to get an idea of how many children will be returning. This is an **indication** and your response can and may change over time. The survey link is here

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XKP2G8B>

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Before completing the survey, it is imperative that you read the Government guidance for parents which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

It is important that you have all the information you need before making a decision to send your child back to school.

Please can surveys be completed by midnight Wednesday 20th May.

It is a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we are going to be doing everything we can to make sure **we are** ready to safely receive these year groups, if we reopen, in the coming weeks.

However, we are also not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school, since you know your children and personal situation best. We will keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. Please continue to book for this to help ensure the appropriate staff/pupil ratio.

We would like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We will need to keep going with this for a while yet, so please do continue to do what you can and stay in touch with us about how your child is doing.

Warm regards,

Mr Anscombe
Headteacher