



Pendragon Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re-opening of school for more pupils from the earliest of 1st June

Thank you to the parents of Foundation stage, Year 1 and Year 6 for responding and replying to our parent survey last week. Based on the results of this survey, we have completed a risk assessment of our school site, considering the potential number of children. We are waiting for the local authority to approve our list of controls to substantially reduce the risk of transmission of infection.

These controls can be summarised as follows:

- individuals who are unwell with symptoms of coronavirus, or who have someone in their household who does, may not attend school;
- increased hand cleaning (additional facilities and timetabled routines will be in place);
- regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces throughout the day and the removal of unnecessary or hard to clean objects;
- minimising contact and mixing between people in school by altering classroom layout to increase spacing, decreasing class sizes and staggering the timetable school day (including start, end, playtimes, lunchtimes etc.). Children and staff will be in smaller 'bubbles' that do not mix during the day; once a group is full, other children will join another group – therefore it cannot be guaranteed that children will necessarily be with all their friends or their class teacher.

These control measures do not include 2m social distancing, as 'early years and primary age pupils cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff' (DfE, 12th May 2020). But in order to minimise contact, children will only mix in a small, consistent group which stays away from other people and groups. Older children, working at their own desks, will be spaced apart as far as possible.

There is a priority in the order of pupils groups from the government which we will follow, outlined here:

1. Children of key workers.
2. Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (or those with plans pending).
3. Children in Reception.
4. Children in Year 1
5. Children in Year 6.

The government have set a date of **1st June as the earliest date** when schools will re-open to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This date may change, and the school will only open to these year groups when the government's scientific tests are met. If you have chosen at this time not to send your child back and you change your mind, it may not be possible to re admit your child immediately. More details on this process will be sent out after half term.

The work set for pupils, whether they are attending school or working at home, will continue to be the same for both groups. School will close on a Friday after lunch (except for keyworkers) to allow staff time to catch up with all the other children who are not in school and be prepared for their bubble for next week.

Thank you for your help, support and understanding. If you have any questions, specific uncertainties or just want to talk things over, please send me an email. It is so sad that we are not able to have everyone back at school, but we can support everyone as much as we can so that those who will benefit most can return to school and everyone else can continue their learning at home. Keep sending us your pictures, photos and news – we enjoy seeing them so much in school.

We will confirm start and finish times for children coming back to school in a letter which we will send out over half term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Nichols
Chair of Governors

Miss C.A.Shaw
Headteacher