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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Return on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 for Years R, 1 and 6**

As the Government announced on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020, children in Years R, 1 and 6 will be able to return to school from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. This has posed many challenges for my team and I. As Principal, I have a statutory duty to keep pupils and staff safe, as well as trying to see how we can maintain the protocol of social distancing. This will be particularly challenging with our younger pupils. Our other big challenge is the size of our classrooms. The classes are not big enough to hold 15 children, 2 metres apart, which is what the Department of Education are recommending.

Having carried out a robust and thorough risk assessment and considered the various control measures that I can practically put into place, I have had to make the difficult decision to limit the school day, in order for the eligible pupils to attend school on a daily basis. This will mean the following:

- That eligible pupils will only be attending a morning OR afternoon session at school.
- There will be no lunch provision at school. This will prevent the issue of children playing together at playtime and not observing the 2m distancing rule. There will also be no Breakfast Clubs or after school clubs during this time.
- It will allow us to safely have 7 to 8 pupils at one time in a classroom and observe the 2 m distancing rule.
- Pupils will have staggered drop off and pick up times. There will be hand gel stations upon arrival and temperatures of all pupils will be checked upon arrival.
- As there is evidence, that the Virus can be carried on clothing, children will be exempt from wearing school uniform. Instead we ask that children wear fresh clean clothes every day and sensible shoes/trainers. School bags do not need to be brought on site, but children must bring a water bottle and a snack.

Ultimately, I have to keep your children and my staff safe. This is extremely difficult in a worldwide pandemic. Therefore, I have decided to organise the school day in such a fashion that all eligible pupils can attend school once a day, whilst maintaining social distancing in a safe manner.



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For the staggered drop off and pick up times, and which children are to attend which session, please see below. **Please note that social distancing will need to be maintained outside the school gates. We will provide further details later in the week on which children need to use which gate (either the top gate on Chattenden Lane or the bottom gate at Kitchener Road).**

### **Session A – Morning Session**

	<b>Year R (Surname A-E)</b>	<b>Year 1 (Surname A-H)</b>	<b>Year 6 (Surname A-H)</b>
Drop Off	8:50-9:00	8:40-8:50	8:30-8:40
Pick Up	11:40	11:30	11:20

### **Session B – Afternoon Session**

	<b>Year R (Surname F-W)</b>	<b>Year 1(Surname J-W)</b>	<b>Year 6 (Surname J-W)</b>
Drop Off	12:50-13:00	12:40-12:50	12:20-12:30
Pick Up	15:20	15:30	15:10

This timetable will run from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June to 19<sup>th</sup> June. However, I will keep the new timetable under review and I will inform parents/carers if and when we are in a position to move to full days. Please note that the same rules will now apply to Key Worker and Vulnerable Pupils. A separate letter will be sent to these families.

I know that the morning and afternoon sessions may cause some inconvenience to families, but ultimately, I must be led by my duty to keep children and staff safe. A one-form entry school has many advantages, but we do not have the advantage of space and it is for this primary reason that we are choosing this model of operation.

I look forward to welcoming the children back from these Year groups on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you have informed the office in the school survey of your intentions whether to send your child in or not, we can take this as your definitive answer. If you wish to change your mind, or you have not yet informed us of your wish, please let the office know by Thursday morning. Please note that I respect parental decisions not to send their children in. The Department of Education have informed us that parents will not be fined for non-attendance.

Yours sincerely,



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**Principal**



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