

### School Re-opening Phased Approach 1.3

21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

**Re: 1<sup>st</sup> June offer for Key worker and vulnerable pupils only.**

**Expansion to Reception, Year 1 & Year 6 details and arrangements to follow during the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June in response to government updates.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all for the positive messages of support you have been sending in, over the past week in particular, and for the lovely messages of appreciation we all received on 'Thank a Teacher Day'.

We are writing to also thank you for responding to our requests for an indication of future needs from key worker families and for our vulnerable pupil offer. We look forward to welcoming these children into school on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. We will soon be issuing these families with updates on arrangements and their 'bubble groupings.'

Please be aware that the government free school meal voucher scheme is not running during next week's half-term break but will resume from the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you believe you may be eligible and have not applied for free school meals in the past and wish to do so now, please contact the school office.

An update on our planned expansion of our offer to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6:

We do appreciate parents responding to our requests for potential numbers for our additional year groups offer, this has been extremely helpful to aid planning. We continue to assess and prepare for a gradual re-opening for these year groups. As detailed in our previous letters and the Local Authority update letter, this will be in response to the government's confirmation that their 5 progress criteria tests have been met. We understand that this information will be shared with schools during the latter part of the half-term break.

Please be assured we are taking all the necessary steps to assess and plan for our re-opening in line with Department of Education updates and regulations. As always, we will keep you updated on our progress, further developments and future bespoke arrangements. We plan to issue our next steps on the return to school during the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Once again, we look forward to welcoming back only our Key worker and vulnerable children group on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. A further letter will be sent out tomorrow to those families who will be using this provision to provide information on the changes we have made and to enable you to book for the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June. During that week we will send information regarding the potential further opening to other year groups.

Kind regards,

Mrs Crowther