



Wednesday 20th May 2020

Dear parents, carers,

Many thanks to all our families who completed the survey, this will provide me with an indication on how you are progressing with remote learning but most importantly your thoughts on the



government's proposal on a possible return to school, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils including our key worker children.

I would like to thank you for your extremely positive comments and for extending your gratitude to the school; for all that we are doing to ensure children continue to learn. I will compile a Q&A based on your concerns and will share it on the school website, by the end of next week.

The Department for Education has provided an overview for parents and carers on the proposed phased return.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

My Leadership team and I are creating an action plan which we are immediately implementing so that, if children do return in June, we will be prepared as much as we possibly can be. We will share this information with you as soon as we can so you know what the school's reopening strategy will look like in practice, but to give you an indication of some of the measures we aim to put in place, they will include:

- rigorous cleaning and sanitising
- 2 metre social distancing indicators around the school corridors
- reduced classroom sizes, including the set up of individual learning work stations
- staggered start, play, lunch and home times
- one-way systems around the school
- one-way system collection and drop-off
- one parent collection and drop-off
- Year 6 children to bring and use their own resources

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This is a very unsettling time for us all, but over the next three weeks we are going to be doing everything we can to make sure we are as ready as we can be to receive a number of children from the forenamed year groups; children will only return to school if we think we have put in as many measures as possible so that it is as safe as possible for our school to reopen in the coming weeks.

Whatever happens before September, it is extremely unlikely that school will look anything like it did before lockdown. As you can imagine, social distancing is an unclear concept for many of our children and especially the youngest, who I feel will struggle to manage this strategy at school. People are still advised to minimise their social contact and this is likely to have a significant impact on the number of adults available to work in our school and therefore the number of children in school at any one time may also need to be reduced.

In the meantime, there is no change to the earlier guidance set out by the government; the school remains closed and care is available **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers who have no means of keeping their children safe at home. Some employers may be encouraging you to return to work, but we are not in a position right now to extend places to other children.

It is National Thank a Teacher Day today, Wednesday May 20th and we would love for you to get involved. As you know, the teachers at Avanti House Primary School are doing everything they can to provide learning and support our children as much as possible during this difficult time. By clicking the link below you can send an online card to a teacher / teachers of your choice.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>



I would like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. You are all doing a fantastic job engaging in the distance learning activities, including engaging with the live lessons. We will continue to use these platforms for a little while longer, so please do continue to do what you can, stay in touch via the Google Classroom and email and please keep safe.

Hare Krishna

Mrs Bellare
Principal

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