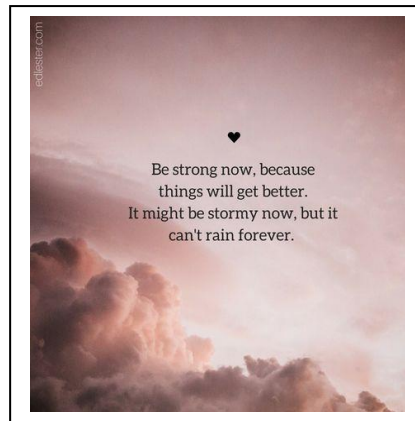




Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,



I hope that you all had a lovely weekend and a good start to the week. I hope that you have now engaged with the documents that were shared with you last week. Strategic Opening Plan, including the school's comprehensive risk assessment. The risk assessment has been reviewed and will be amended by the end of this week, please remember that this is a working document and will be next reviewed on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June once we have re-opened. If you do have any questions, please email the school office and we will respond as soon as we can.

Please see below some additional information around the curriculum for the coming weeks including the implications the reopening will have on remote learning.

## **Curriculum**

The government has lifted all requirements to follow a specific curriculum at this point and recognises that children's wellbeing, enabling them to settle back into very different routines, for a while, is essential. The focus will be a consolidation of key skills in Reading, Writing and Maths across the curriculum.

Teachers will upload the week's curriculum, together with resources, each Friday, via the various online platforms as well as the school website. The curriculum delivered in school and to the children who are not attending school, for the priority groups, will remain similar. We will also signpost you to alternative/additional resources and websites so that you can continue to support your child at home. Please be mindful that teachers will be teaching all day, marking and feedback will not be as rigorous as it has been thus far, and so they will respond to any queries each Friday during their planning time.

In addition, learning will not be set on Fridays however teachers will signpost parents to appropriate links and websites including supporting parents to consolidate previous learning.



## **Key Worker Group**

Since lockdown, we have been able to continue to support our key worker children extremely well. It has been a pleasure getting to know them on a more personal level. However, this group is increasing as more parents begin to return to work, we will therefore have to cap this number at 30 due to space, it may be necessary to introduce a waiting list.

## **Children Not Attending School From The Priority Groups**

This is completely parental decision which you must make taking all factors into consideration, currently we do not have all children returning, however this decision can be made at a later date. If you do change your mind, you must provide at least 1 weeks' notice. Once you have given notice, your child will be able to join their group on a Monday. This will ensure we have time to adjust learning 'bubbles.'

## **Health And Safety Measures**

Thank you to Mr Hari Patel, SSC member, for coming into school last week to quality assure our health and safety measures that are in place in readiness for re-opening. Hari has shared pictures and video with the wider parent community. Teachers, this week, will include social stories with children via their Zoom lessons, pictures of classrooms, the one-way system and 2m social distancing signage will be shared. I have also shared a video of the health and safety measures, on our school website.

## **Emotional Attitude Of Parents**

This is an important journey children will be embarking on and for some a difficult journey with some anxieties. I hope that the support our teachers will provide this week will provide an understanding of what to expect on our return. As parents please share with your child/ren calmly and clearly the reasons to socially distance and why there will be new rules and routines. We have shared our revised behaviour strategy on the school website, hopefully these measures will allay parental concerns. On our return if your child becomes upset, please be mindful that school staff will only be able to support verbally and there will be no physical contact in terms of consoling your child. If your child continues to be upset, you will have to take him/her home and try again the next day.

Once again, thank you for your continuous support and positive messages, a huge thank you to the parents who sent individual to staff members and to the whole school, a thank a teacher card. The messages were very special and provided an incredible moral boost!!

Take care and keep well.

Mrs Bellare  
Principal