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At Rokesly...

Our community is warm and welcoming

Learning is fun and fascinating

We celebrate the things that make us special

We challenge ourselves to go further



♥We are in this together – even when we are all apart♥

Dear Parent / Carers

As I am sure you are aware the Government has asked schools to prepare for a possible reopening of schools from the 1st of June for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 classes.

We know that our children and their families will have had very different experiences during lockdown. A few of our children have been in school for the last couple of months, and for them school will have been a very different place. The majority of our children will have been at home and each of them will have had their own experiences. It will take time for them to re-establish and re-learn the expectations of school life, behaviour and learning.

With this in mind, any wider reopening of the school needs to be phased and will likely be done slowly over time. Our plan is that the Reception children will be admitted first, with Year 1 following after a full review. This will allow us to fully consider the implications of opening the school up to a larger number of children.

I must stress that our plans are conditional and subject to change, so please don't assume that your child will be returning to school at the beginning of June. If and how we reopen will be dependent on the National scientific advice available, demonstrating that it is safe to do so. This means that school will be different to how it normally is although we will obviously do our best to keep the routines and lessons as normal as possible for the children.

Class sizes will be greatly reduced and restricted to a maximum of 15 children. We feel it is very important that your child is taught by familiar staff in a familiar environment. To enable this, we are proposing that classes are split into two groups and will attend school for two days each week.

I know that many parents will have anxieties about sending their children back into school and for some of you it may not be an option if a family member suffers from a pre-existing medical condition. What I am able to say is that the government have said that parents will not be penalised if they choose to keep educating their children at home.

However, I am sure that many of you will be grateful for the opportunity to send your children in to school and would like to reassure you that we will be doing everything possible to keep everyone safe. Some of the measures we will have in place in the event of a wider opening for children include:

- Staggered drop off and pick up times.
- Children will be met at the gate by staff
- Parents and carers will not come onto the school site
- Children will be kept in pods of no more than 15 children and will not mix with children from other pods.
- Children will be given some of their own resources so they do not share pencils, rulers etc.
- Initially, children will be required to bring in a packed lunch and water bottle.
- The number of adults working with a pod during a week will be kept to a minimum.
- Classrooms will be arranged so there is maximum space for the children removing all unnecessary equipment and resources
- Regular handwashing will take place throughout the day.
- Regular cleaning will take place throughout the day.

I know you will want more details and I can assure you that these will be provided once we have a full plan in place. In order for me to put a plan together I need to know how many children will likely be returning to school during the first week of school reopening. Please follow this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LCZCKRF> to complete a short survey, asking you if you intend to send your children to school in light of the measures listed above. There will also be an opportunity for you to add any concerns or comments you may have. Please complete by Tuesday 19th May. Thank you

Once I have discussed and agreed a detailed plan with the Governing body, including health and safety measures to be put in place, I will share it with you.

Best wishes

Grant Bright
Head teacher