



Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School

Headteacher: Miss A Allan

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well and continuing to stay safe. Thank you for your patience while we have been preparing to open to more children at the beginning of June. Here is an overview of the information we now have to share with you all. For those families whose children are in year groups that are returning first, I will send further details by the end of the week.

The government will hopefully announce on 28th May whether they would like schools and childcare settings to re open. The latest they can make this announcement is on Saturday 30th May (48hrs notice). If they announce that schools are to remain closed, then we will continue in the same way we have over the last few weeks. If they announce that it is safe for schools to increase the number of children attending, then we will work in the following ways:

- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children will be invited to return in the first week. Our childcare provision will reopen from 8th June.
- Classes will be split into 2 groups
- Children will attend either on a Monday and Tuesday **or** on a Thursday and Friday
- Children will be grouped broadly alphabetically (exceptions being made only to ensure that siblings are invited into school on the same days)
- Children will be taught in their own classrooms (these will be deep cleaned between the cohorts attending).
- Children will be taught by a familiar adult. Unfortunately it is not possible for every child to have their classteacher as this would mean that any potential infection could be carried between groups. Every group will however have staff who they are familiar with.
- Children will have a staggered start and end to the day. There will be a strict process in place for dropping off and picking up children.
- We will not be able to offer breakfast club or playcentre - as this would involve groups of children mixing and therefore increasing the risk of spreading the virus.
- Children attending our keyworker provision will continue to attend.
- Home learning will still be set for all children who are not attending (in all year groups).

If things then go according to the government's current plan, we would anticipate the rest of the year groups (Y2, 3, 4 and 5) being allowed to attend from the 22nd June.

I would like to make it clear that while the government is urging parents and carers to send their children back to school, that the decision is fully yours. I will not be chasing you for attendance figures and will not be issuing any fines for non-attendance before the summer holidays. The situation for childcare (our 0 to 3 year olds) is slightly different and I will send out a separate letter regarding this.

If you decide that you do not wish to send your child back to school yet, then that is completely fine. I ask however that you try to do some of the home learning that is set for your child, so that they can continue with their learning. I also ask that you or your child communicate with the school twice over the course of a week - this is so that we continue to know you are safe and well and that we can support you with the home learning where possible.

I fully recognise that some parents and carers will have been expecting the school to reopen on a full time basis and would have been wanting us to offer wraparound care (breakfast and after school club). I hope that even though this may be incredibly inconvenient to you, that you understand it is the only way to even start to keep the children safe and prevent rapid spread of any virus that may be in the school.

As I said at the beginning of this letter, more information regarding logistics, safety and which days your child is being invited to attend (all siblings will be invited into school on the same days) will be forthcoming over the next few days for the relevant year groups. I don't want to bombard you with too much information at one time.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Allan', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Miss A Allan
(Headteacher)