

Dear Families of Brentfield,

19th May 2020

Phased Re-opening of Schools

Firstly, I want to thank you for all of your hard work and efforts in supporting the home learning of your children.

I am sure that many of you now know that the Prime Minister has announced the further re-opening of schools. The government believes that as well as schools being open to the children of key workers and for vulnerable pupils, it may be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of schools from 1st June at the earliest, starting with pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This will be in addition to accommodating children of key workers and vulnerable pupils.

This is part of the government's conditional plan which it says will remain under regular review, this will only happen if the level of new infections continues to decrease and the government's other conditions are met.

We are working with other local schools to ensure we have a joined-up approach to a gradual and phased re-opening. Our plans will be guided by a thorough Health and Safety Risk Assessment taking into account our physical capacity on the school site and staffing levels.

We know that you will understand that the safety of everyone in the school community is paramount. We all want to get more pupils back into school as soon as it is safe to do so. However, in order to re-open in a phased and gradual way, our first priority to consider will be the health and well-being of all pupils, their families and staff.

I will write to parents over the next few days to outline our local offer, which will be based on the health and safety risk assessment that we are working on.

The guidance made it clear that it is not compulsory for parents to send their children to school at this time and there will be no penalties if you choose to keep your child(ren) at home.

We will continue to provide a home learning offer to all pupils not accessing support on site and will also keep in regular touch with the families of all pupils, whether or not they are attending school.

Further information for parents and carers can be found in the government guidance below:

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

I want to assure you that we are working closely with the Local Authority and our Cluster of schools in order to offer a consistent and safe response to the proposed plans.

Finally, I would like to reassure you that the health and safety of children and staff remains everyone's first priority during this period. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at emergency@brentfield.brent.sch.uk

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes

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