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Dear Parents/Carers and Children

Following my letter last week I am now in a position to provide **some** further information regarding a **possible return to school for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from Monday 1st June**. There have been an extensive number of Government documents published over the last week that often provide more questions than answers. However, we have spent a significant amount of time unpicking these and examining how we can apply these to our school and our context. Hopefully within this letter we can **begin to illustrate** what school may look like for the children who return to school and what safeguarding provision school can put in place ensuring we follow all Government guidance.

- Children cannot effectively socially distance. We will do our utmost to try and encourage this but with all children, regardless of age, it is virtually impossible. We cannot guarantee that your child will be able to socially distance at all times.
- Children will be split into “bubbles” and this small group of children and staff (no more than 15 in total) will work with each other at all times. They will work in the same room or rooms at all times. Children will not be able to socialise outside of their “bubble” even at break and lunch times. They will stay in their “bubble” for break and lunch times.
- We cannot guarantee children will be placed in a “bubble” with their usual class teacher or in their usual classroom.
- The classrooms will look very different. All surfaces will be cleared to facilitate continual cleaning during the day and all children will have to sit suitably distanced from one another during lessons.
- Strict hygiene measures will be in place throughout the whole day.
- We will not be able to operate Breakfast Club or After School Clubs as this would mean different groups of children having to mix.
- The usual end of year summer activities will not take place, including Sports Day and other end of year celebrations with large numbers of visitors.
- Children may see staff wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) if they have to deal with any sickness or illness.
- The curriculum will be very different as group or paired activities can no longer take place in the same way. Also equipment cannot be shared and children will not be able to move around classroom with the usual freedom.

This is by no means an exhaustive list but it is important that you have the chance to speak to your child about how different school may look/feel when they return. We encourage parents to reflect on what is right for their child and family in deciding whether to return to school at this stage. The Government have made it clear that usual attendance requirements will not be in place for the summer term. We respect the individual decisions all families make. **We will ensure all children attending school are looked after and nurtured to the highest standard and we will continue to provide an engaging educational experience despite the challenging circumstances.** Home Learning provision will continue for those children not attending.

In planning provision from the 1st June we have telephoned all, and spoken to most, eligible families. Many of you have already made your final decision and informed us during our conversations whether your child will be attending school from the 1st June or not. If when spoken to you were unsure, or if we have not managed to contact you please inform school by Thursday 21st May if you intend to take up your child’s place or not. Please also inform school if you have changed your mind. Please either call school to confirm this or email your decision to office@nspri.co.uk



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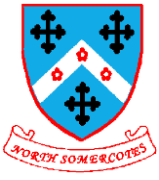


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Our provision for Key Workers and Vulnerable Children remains unchanged. As soon as other children begin to return to school this group will become their own “bubble” and will stay with the same staff to avoid mixing.

Once we have established the final numbers of children we are expecting to have in school I will be able to finalise further plans and will **write to all parents and families next Wednesday with precise details of how the school will operate.**

Thank you all again for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions or requests. We continue to be here to serve the needs of the children and families in our community. **To those families yet to make a final decision please ensure you inform us as soon as possible and by the deadline of this Thursday. It is imperative we have clear and precise numbers so we can ensure we correctly follow all Government guidance in facilitating a safe return to school for the children and staff that will be attending.**

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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