



Coates Lane Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you about the decision we have made about the 're-opening' of school. Although this may not directly impact on your child (i.e. year groups 2, 3, 4 and 5), we wanted to keep you up to date with the current situation. This has been one of the most challenging times at school and we have put the safety of children and staff at the forefront of our decision making.

Whilst making the decision the governors and leadership team have taken into consideration the following factors in order to reduce the risk and to maximise the safety of children and staff as much as we possibly can:

- The number of keyworker and vulnerable children requesting a place in school. Government guidance places this group of children and their families as priority.
- The number of children expressing an intention to return to school from the priority year groups: Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.
- Government guidance on staffing and rotas.
- Safeguarding

To ensure we offer as safe an environment as we can and due to numbers of keyworkers within our families intending to return to school, we have decided on the following plan for return:

- **Year 6 can return from Monday 15th June**
- **Year 1 can return from Wednesday 17th June**
- **Reception can return from Monday 22nd June**
- **Children of Key Workers and Vulnerable children can return from Monday 1st June**

We will be 'open' for Years R, 1 and 6 from Monday-Thursday. School will be closed to these year groups every Friday for deep cleaning and PPA (planning and preparation) time for the staff.

However, we will remain open on Fridays for children of Key Workers or Vulnerable children.

If you are a key worker, as their parent, you will need to decide whether you want your child to be in their year group class or in the key worker group. If they are in their year



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group class they will not be allowed to attend school on Fridays as the government has advised that we cannot mix the groups once they are set. If you choose for your child to be placed in the key worker group it means they can attend school on a Friday but will be in a group of mixed aged children and they will have to stay in that group.

Home learning will continue to be provided for all classes via email and the school website. Please continue to communicate via the Home Learning email for your class. We love receiving your messages and especially photographs of your work.

We recognise that this has been an incredibly challenging time for all of us and really appreciate your support and patience. We will keep you informed with any further information.

Take care, stay safe and we hope that you enjoy the half term break, as much as you can, with your families.

Sam Parker (Chair of Governors)

Sarah White (Headteacher)



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