

Aylesford School

and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents and Carers

There has been much rumour and speculation surrounding the government's desire to re-open primary schools for some year groups from the 1st June onwards. In my most recent letter to you I promised that we would be keeping you fully informed of our progress in planning exactly how we can achieve this safely

We are now able to confirm our intention to welcome back children in both Reception and Year 1 as part of a phased return from Monday 1st June. To ensure that this process can be managed carefully we will be alternating year groups in a two-week cycle with only a single year group being allowed into school each week.

	Week beginning	Year group
1	1 st June	Reception only
2	8 th June	Year 1 only
1	15 th June	Reception only
2	22 nd June	Year 1 only

For children in Reception and Year 1 the school week will run from Monday to Thursday only, and Fridays will be used to provide all areas of the school with a very thorough "deep clean" before classes resume again after the weekend.

All existing arrangements for the children of critical workers in other year groups will continue as normal. However, if your Reception or Year 1 child has already been attending school as part of the critical worker group they will need to remain with this class if you wish them to continue to be in school every week or on a Friday.

To avoid children moving between groups, it would be very helpful if parents and carers could indicate their preference to us at the earliest opportunity.

Arrangements for arrival at school and departure at the end of the day will be staggered and carefully managed by our staff. You will be notified of your child's start time and when you should come to collect them in the afternoon. It would be appreciated if wherever possible you could help us by walking rather than traveling by car.

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To ensure that social distancing can be observed as far as possible, each year group will be divided into small classes and assigned toilets for their exclusive use. All areas of the school will be cleaned regularly during the day and again after the children have gone home in the afternoon.

The school will provide each child with their own, named pencil case that will contain all the stationery that they will need during the day. To ensure the cleanliness of these items the children will not be allowed to share their equipment.

It is anticipated that catering for school lunches will be available but if you usually provide food for your child it will need to be packed in a clearly named disposable bag.

For the time being, school uniform should not be worn. Instead it will be very important that your child comes to school wearing a clean set of clothes each day. Their outfit should be both practical and easy to wash. It is important to note that no child should come to school in clothes that have been worn the previous day.

These are challenging times for all of us and we recognise that this will be a very different experience for you child than the one they have become used to at our school. We also understand that it is a stressful and worrying time for parents and carers as well and we will do all that we can to work with you to ensure that your child feels safe, secure and happy once back at school.

Over the past few weeks we have worked closely with our colleagues in the South Warwickshire Consortium, Warwickshire County Council, The Association of School and College Leaders and The National Governance Association to plan for the return of your children. In the midst of a pandemic any return to school must be treated with caution and we are determined to put in place all necessary protective measures for the welfare, safety and good health of everyone in our school community.

There will obviously be much more that we will need to share with you over the next few days including details of how we have assessed the possible risks and the measures that we are taking to deal with them.

We will of course be writing to you again with further details. In the meantime, you can contact us using the Primary email address: `

aylesfordprimaryschool@aylesfordschool.org.uk

Additional information will also be available on our school website.

Yours sincerely



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