

# North Park Primary School

'Achieving and growing, together in friendship.'



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## Phased return to School for Some Year Groups

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your patience and your responses to my text earlier in the week about the **DFE plans for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to school on June 1<sup>st</sup>** (as well as continuing the provision for children of critical/key workers and vulnerable children).

I know you will be waiting for further guidance and I want to reassure you that I will write to you all next week about arrangements and school organisation in readiness for the planned return.

We still have much to consider and organise in the next few days - advice and guidance from the DFE has been arriving every day (as late as 8pm last night!) and we need to continue to digest that advice and adjust our plans accordingly.

Please, however, rest assured that ***the safety and wellbeing of all the pupils, their families, and my staff will be at the heart of all we plan.***

We all want our pupils to be able to return to school as safely and carefully as possible. We are being asked to manage this in the most extraordinary of circumstances.

It is our job to help manage the environment and risks in school – we cannot remove the risk, as the virus is still with us, but we will have a range of carefully planned measures in place to help manage and minimise risks in our school building, taking into account all the advice we are sent.

Your support and thoughtfulness have been very much appreciated and welcomed over these last few weeks – it has been lovely to see the whole school community working together for our children.

I thank you all for your patience and understanding at this time and will support you in the decisions you take as to whether you wish your child to return. Please note there will be no fines or penalties for parents who decide not to send their child back to school in June and we will continue to work with all families as the weeks progress.

DFE guidance for parents can be found on this link

<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 look forward to seeing the children in the future – I really have missed them all!

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk

