

13 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Return to School Update – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**

I hope that you are all well and that you had a restful bank holiday weekend.

I wanted to get in touch with you following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening that schools will potentially be reopening following the Trinity Exeat break (Monday 1 June) for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Whilst Nursery was not mentioned explicitly in the televised announcement, the associated documentation released this week has indicated that the intention of the government is for Nursery pupils to be included within the groups of children returning to school.

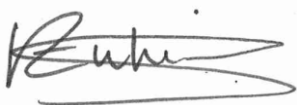
I would like to provide you with reassurance that discussions and planning are very much already underway in regard to how best this can be managed in order that the pupils are safe, supported and that social distancing measures can be implemented effectively. Preparation discussions will be the primary focus of our Junior School Leadership Team meetings over the next two weeks.

Our priority throughout the planning and preparation phase will be with the best interest of the pupils in mind and we are, of course, also considering the impact a return may have on their wellbeing following a substantial period of time away from their routine, their teachers and their friends. We must not underestimate how challenging separation from parents may be for pupils, particularly those in Nursery and Reception, and this will also be a focus of our discussions. However, I am confident that we have sufficient time to plan, prepare and make this transition from home to school life a smooth one, with due consideration of all of these key factors.

Once we have a model in place and more specific details regarding the logistics, I will write to you to outline the structure of the day, drop off and collection arrangements and any other key logistical considerations you will need to be made aware of in your own preparations. We will aim to get this information to you by Wednesday 20 May in order that any questions you have can be answered before the end of this half-term.

However, if you have any concerns you would like to make us aware of in advance or if there are any particular factors relating to your child specifically that you may need to highlight to us, do get in touch by contacting [jsoffice@sdmail.org.uk](mailto:jsoffice@sdmail.org.uk) this week.

Yours Sincerely



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