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Dear Parents/ Carers

Friday 22 May 2020

**RE: Planned Return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

First of all, I hope you are all safe and well at what remains to be a difficult time. Whilst the lockdown measures have been reviewed there is a level of uncertainty regarding how best to stay alert and minimise the risk of infection from Coronavirus.

I am writing to you today to confirm that following the Prime Minister's address on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May and then again on 11<sup>th</sup> May, primary schools are planning to welcome back children in **Nursery and Reception, Year 1, Year 6, those with an EHCP, those with an assigned social worker and we will be continuing to provide for all key working children.**

Staff and governors have worked tirelessly to get to this stage and plans have been developed and shared with these groups.

You are receiving this letter as your child is in one of these groups. Letters have been issued separately as the arrangements are specific to the year groups and we ask that you **read this letter in full**. Furthermore, you will receive a **text message telling you what group your child is in**. Your understanding and compliance are key to ensure that safety remains paramount and adult social distancing can be observed. Senior staff will speak to any individual that does not comply with the plans that have been set and I would like to stress that your punctuality is key because late arrivals means we could be at risk of compromising adult social distancing.

The Department for Education has issued a wealth of guidance for schools to support with the planned return. **The guidance clearly states that social distancing cannot be supported at all times in a school setting.** I am unable to guarantee that we are a COVID protected environment but all measures are in place to reduce and minimise the risk. This recognises that young children will need to be supported and educated to understand what this means and what it looks like.

With this in mind, class sizes are reduced, and groupings have been organised, so the children do not mix with those in any other rooms wherever possible and the number of staff they encounter will be limited. This also means there will not be any gatherings, such as assemblies in the halls or parent events.

**Government Guidelines**

The Government has stipulated the following:

- That groupings can be no more than 15. Based on the numbers we have estimated from the phone calls that we have made, we do not anticipate the groups being up to 15
- Where possible social distancing in classes needs to be observed
- Each child (with the exception of Nursery) will have their own desk and cloakrooms will be out of action. They will keep their belongings and have their own equipment at their desk. However, this means that we cannot guarantee that the children can all be spaced two metres apart at all times, including when sitting at desks.



### **What we have put in place**

Educating and supporting the children to help them understand that we all must adapt to learn and play in a safe and distanced way will be a daily part of our curriculum. This includes:

- Daily hand washing and respiratory hygiene will be part of the timetable as this is a key part of minimising the risk of infection
- We have installed signage, sanitising facilities and fully equipped our hand washing facilities
- If you would like to provide your child with their own hand sanitizer please ensure the bottle is named
- Cleaning throughout the day as well as at the end of the day has been deemed as a priority.

### **Parents and Carers**

- Public transport has featured heavily in the media so please take care if you are unable to drive, walk or cycle to school
- Please ensure that the children have a named water bottle as water fountains will be out of use
- Please ensure your child has a named sun hat and you apply sun cream before arriving at school as we are unable to apply sun cream at school
- Children to wear uniform wherever possible and they must wear shoes in which they can exercise in like trainers as they will not need their PE kits. Footwear should either be school shoes or trainers.

### **Lunchtimes**

- The dining room will remain closed and FSM and UIFSM (Reception and Key Stage 1) will be provided with a packed lunch, delivered to classes, to avoid the children mixing as this needs to be limited as much as possible. All other children will need to bring a packed lunch as there will be no meals available via Parentpay.

### **If your child has symptoms related to Covid-19/ Testing**

In the event of your child being in school and showing symptoms of the Coronavirus, your child will be isolated and supervised (by a staff member who is required to wear PPE). You will be required to collect as soon as possible. Testing is available and you will need to support us by booking your child a test by using the online 111 service for children 5 and over. If your child is under 5 and displays symptoms you are required to call 111.

Your alertness and support are key. **If you suspect your child is showing symptoms do not send them in to school and use the service available to book a test and inform us of the result.** Guidance is available for schools to support us with actions following a negative or positive test result.

### **Staffing for the groups**

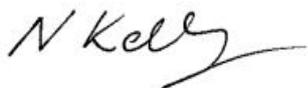
Staffing has been planned, based on the staff we have available. The same guidance for dealing with symptoms, testing and results also applies to staff. In the government guidance it states that PPE is not required. We do have a stock of adult sized PPE available for staff that choose to wear it.

### **Any Questions?**

I fully appreciate both as a staff member and as a mum myself, that this is a time where questions may be posed, and anxieties may be heightened. This phase of the lockdown remains under review and as I have said so many times since the 20<sup>th</sup> March we are at the end of the phone or an email ([office@charvilleacademy.org](mailto:office@charvilleacademy.org)) if you have any questions.

If the government plan to reopen the school to your child does not change, we will be pleased to see you on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Take care, stay safe and well and keep in touch.

Yours sincerely



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