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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to provide an update on the wider opening of St Anne's to more children. Over the last week, I have been assessing the Government guidance and planning exactly how to do this within the particular context of our school. The SLT and Governing Board strongly believe that a cautious and phased approach is required, where the safety and wellbeing of our children, staff and families is paramount.

With this in mind, I can confirm that we are currently planning to open to our Reception and Year 1 pupils from **9 June**. We will also continue to provide places for Key Workers and Vulnerable children. In order to make this possible and to comply with Government and Local Authority guidance, the following measures will be put in place:

- Reception and Year 1 will be split into groups of no more than 10 children, each based in separate classrooms
- Each group will operate separately and in isolation with minimal contact between groups. This will mean that there will be staggered breaks and lunchtimes
- Each group will be allocated a teacher and TA but not necessarily the same teacher as the children had prior to closing. We will endeavour to keep these groups the same for at least weekly periods.
- The current Reception and Year 1 teachers will be responsible for splitting the year groups
- **Social distancing will be encouraged and procedures in place to aid this but we cannot guarantee your child will adhere to these measures**
- Children will be provided with their own equipment and we will make every effort to ensure it is not shared
- There will be a one-way system around school to avoid close contact
- Cleaning of surfaces within the classroom will be routine
- Handwashing and Government guidance on hygiene will be encouraged and modelled



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This is not an exhaustive list of the measures being implemented. More information about the specific routines that will be put in place will be provided by **Friday 5 June** for those parents choosing to accept a place. If you have not already responded please do so as soon as possible. **We will not be able to accept children into school without prior notice.**

Subject to further assessment and when we are clear about numbers for Reception, Year 1 and Key Worker children, we will make decisions on if and when we can offer places to Year 6. Thank you to those Year 6 parents who have already completed the return to school survey. As I stated in my previous communication, this will be week commencing **22 June** at the very earliest. Again specific information will be shared with Year 6 parents/carers nearer the time.

Staff will have been into school prior to the proposed start date of 9 June to ensure plans and risk assessments are shared. When children return to school, their needs, vulnerabilities and concerns will be our main priority.

As you will appreciate, the landscape is dynamic and guidance is rapidly emerging and changing. The decision to begin to extend the opening of schools was always conditional and therefore I cannot guarantee that there will be no further changes to the plans outlined above. As you would expect, we will continue to make cautious and reasonable decisions in the best interests of our children and staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kirsty Rimmer

Headteacher