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Plans to reopen the school - Update for parents

Dear Parents,

This letter is provided to give you information about the status of our planning for the possible reopening of the school.

We have completed a full risk assessment and on Tuesday 26th May, Governors along with the Headteacher will decide if all possible safety measures are in place in order for the school to reopen. I will be writing to you again with more information on Wednesday 27th May.

1. THE EXACT DATE OF OPENING IS NOT YET CONFIRMED.

We are planning a phased return with Reception starting on 1st June and Year 1 joining us on 8th June.

2. The School will still be open for Key Worker children.

3. Reception and Year 1 children will return to school for 2 days a week, either: Monday and Tuesday

or

Wednesday and Thursday.

Once we have **ALL replies from our poll sent on 18th May**, we will be able to organise the children into groups of half the class. Groups will be up to 13 children and will be with their class teacher.

4. Year 2 children will not be returning except for key worker children. We have sent all Year 2 children a pack of work books which should arrive during next week. There are 3 work books, English comprehension, English grammar and Mathematics. These books, along with the website work tasks, should keep you busy until the end of term. We plan to invite small groups in to say goodbye to us in July. We will contact you by mid June with more details.

5. We are following Government recommendations on social distancing measures. The layout of all our classroom has been changed in order to give us maximum space. At break times the children will play together, remaining in their class groups. We plan to take more regular breaks on the school field so that everyone can enjoy being outside. [LINK](#) to Government document

6. Key Worker children will be able to attend school for up to 5 days a week, from 8.30am to 5.00pm, whilst you work. There will be a mixture of ages in the Key worker class. All children will receive the curriculum appropriate to their age group.
7. We will continue to post one English and one Maths work task for those opting to stay at home and for Year 2. These tasks will be the same in the classroom.
8. There will be a **staggered start and finish to the day with a strict time limit**, as follows:

| GROUP | ARRIVAL TIME | EXIT TIME |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Key Workers | Between 8.30 and 8.45am | Any time up to 5.00pm |
| Year 1 | Between 8.50 to 9.05am | 3.00pm |
| Reception | Between 9.10 and 9.25am | 2.30pm |

What we NEED you to do:

1. **Reception and Year 1 Parents - If you have not already completed the parent poll, please do so immediately.** I am still waiting for over 20 replies. The teachers cannot organise groups until this is completed. You will be informed which days your child will be attending by Wednesday 27th May. [Access poll here.](#)
2. **Key workers**, if you have not already informed us, please contact Mrs Penny at: mrspenny@barnett-wood.surrey.sch.uk stating which days and times you will need the key worker facility whilst you work.
3. **One parent** to bring their child to and from school. Our caretaker has painted a number of **SOCIALLY DISTANCED** spots on the front playground and you **must wait** on a spot with your child until your child is called in by a member of staff.
4. At the end of the day you must wait on a **SOCIALLY DISTANCED** spot on the front playground and your child will be sent out to you by a member of staff.
5. You must follow the **one way system for entering and exiting the school**. In through the double vehicle gates and out through the normal pedestrian gate. Once all children are in, these gates will be locked. The only access to the site will be via the security gate system. Parents and contractors will not be

allowed in the school building unless for an EMERGENCY. Any messages for the class teacher can be sent via email to the class email address.

EMAILS

6. A packed lunch will be supplied by our catering services but you may prefer to provide a packed lunch for your child in a labelled container.
7. Children will wear school uniform and bring their book bag and a water bottle. NO CHAIRBAGS OR PE bags at present.

A final decision about a phased return will be made after the Governor and Staff meeting next week.

If a decision is made to undertake a phased return then this will be kept under regular review, health and Safety remaining our paramount consideration.

Norma Penny
Headteacher