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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

### **Covid-19 Update- Returning to school**

Thank you to all those parents we spoke to yesterday. It was lovely to hear your voices. It is no surprise that my phone calls too twice as long as the others as I just talked for longer!

I know the decision wasn't easy. You all had valid reasons for your decision and you have my total support. If you have not returned our call, please ring school by the end of today. We have significant planning to put in place based on how many children come back to school. It is vital that we know. There is immense pressure on us to make provision and it takes time having to chase people. I am not being a grumpy head but we have to ensure that we have enough staff/ rooms per ratio of children. If nothing else, my mathematics and problem solving are really good now.

We have spent 4 days planning how we are going to run school, only for another document to come out last night with new guidance! There are some new recommendations for us. We are much further ahead than a lot of schools. However, certain things have changed e.g. how we staff classes and I have to now make sure I have pedal bins in every classroom. As you can guess every Headteacher is online today searching for pedal bins and the prices have shot up! We have managed to get them but there is going to be a world shortage of pedal bins!!!!.

So whilst we have stringent plans, I will not share them until late next week because the chances of things changing again are more than likely! Usually late into the evening!

We do have clarity that from June 1<sup>st</sup>:

- All children in Year 1 and Reception, who are in school, will be entitled to a Free School Meal. We are working with the kitchen to make sure that they can have their food delivered to classroom in either a box or a bag. Food vouchers for these children will stop if you are receiving them.
- Free School Meal vouchers will not be available over half term. Although, the Government did do a last minute u-turn at Easter so watch this space!

If you are confused then so are we!

Thank you again for your continued support. We all miss your children a great deal. We will all get through this together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Davina Clacy