



Ancaster  
Church of England Primary School

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Key Worker Parents and Carers,

As we continue our planning for any potential, partial reopening from June 1<sup>st</sup>, we are being asked to prioritise places in the very first instance, for children of Key Workers in any year group. As we plan for any wider reopening, when we look at our numbers of children accessing our lockdown provision, we have over 30 registered children accessing school in some way every week. Some parents have chosen to send their children to school every day, some for 2 days per week and others have chosen to send in for a morning or afternoon per week. As we look at every available space within school and apply new guidelines set by the government, we know that we do not have the physical space in school to accommodate every child when asked to open to more pupils if children are accessing a space for such small amounts of time. With this in mind, we will be asking that from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, if you wish your child to come to school as you are a Key Worker (this can be children from any year group), we will ask that you will send them to school all week on a full time basis (Monday-Friday all day).

This change may feel very different to what you have been recently used to and I want to firstly thank you for placing your trust in us by allowing your most precious possession to be with us whilst you have undertaken such vital work in these challenging times. Our systems and procedures have been highly focused on ensuring your children are kept as safe possible and this will continue on our return. If your child has accessed school for anything less than full time, we will ensure that they will be as equally safe should they now attend for 5 days.

I am sure you can also appreciate that we need to be able to organise provision in a much more strategic manner now that there is a focus on reopening the school to a greater number of pupils. We are still unsure how any wider reopening will work for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 but we feel that we need to first ascertain the numbers of full time Key Worker children as well as other pupils that the Government has asked us to extend priority places to, who will use the provision consistently so that we can ensure these groups are then appropriately staffed and classroom locations are allocated. From that, we will then be able to look at how many other places we can offer to pupils in the selected year groups. We will be ensuring that your children will be split into small (maximum of 10) age specific groups with an allocated Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant (this may not be the usual class staff/classroom) who will then teach them whilst adhering to strict social distancing guidelines.

Usual provisions for booking your children will be in place up until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June and we will confirm numbers for this new way of working on our return after Half Term should the government announce on May 28<sup>th</sup> that schools can begin reopening as part of any further easing of the lockdown. Please note that any changes outlined are fully dependent on government announcements but in the interest of planning, we are having to prepare for all eventualities. Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch-we are happy to answer any questions that might have.

I do hope you are all safe and well and look forward to speaking with you/seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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