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Dear Parents and Children,

Following the Government update on Thursday 28th May, and a meeting of the Governing Board of Nanpean School yesterday evening where discussion focused on planning for reopening the school and the associated risks, I am now in a position to provide you with further details in relation to this.

All possible risks and scenarios were considered, including things such as staff availability and social distancing measures, and as a result, our Risk Assessment shows that we are able to continue to open to Key Worker and Vulnerable children (Monday – Friday), while from next Wednesday, the 10th of June, we will also be reopening to Year 6 children (Monday – Thursday) who have previously stated they would like to return.

Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot offer wider opening to Year R and Year 1 children. While some parents and children will be disappointed that children are, as yet, unable to return to school, I want to assure you that this decision was taken in the best interests of all involved and very much in relation to the safety of children, staff, parents, families and the wider community.

This plan and provision will be reviewed at the next Governors meeting in the last week of June, and further communication will be sent to parents at the end of June.

For children attending school, please follow these guidelines and make time to discuss these with your child so that they are aware that school will be very different to what it was previously. In order to re-open safely, we are implementing the following:

- Staggered school start and drop-off times, as well as staggered school finish and collection times. In order to do this safely, we will be implementing a one-way system where possible and have a designated entrance (unlikely to be usual class entrances). **Key Worker and Vulnerable children attending currently will continue to arrive via the Main Entrance between 8.45 and 9am. These children will need to be collected from the Main Entrance at 3.10pm. Children attending from Year 6 will need to arrive between 9.15 and 9.30am. These Year 6 children will need to be collected from the Main Entrance at 2.45pm.**
- When doing either of the above (drop off or collection of children), please ensure that only one parent is present at school, again to ensure social distancing and not too many parents on site at one time. **There will be social distancing markers in place to help you adhere to these guidelines.**
- Government advice is stating that maximum group sizes will be 15. Therefore, it is important that you are aware that your child is unlikely to be with the usual staff in their class, but they will be with Nanpean School staff.



- The same staff will be assigned to a group of children each week, again so as to minimise the risks.
- We will also ensure that adequate hand washing facilities and hand sanitizer is available in all rooms.
- We will be doing our utmost to ensure that children socially distance and remain 2 metres apart, but are aware that this will be difficult to do with young children. In deciding to bring more children back to school, we are taking this into account.
- If sending your child to school, please do not send your child with a bag or PE Kit. The only item we would allow them to bring is their packed lunch. Caterlink will be able to provide lunch provision, but this is likely to be a packed lunch delivered to our school site. They will continue to provide FSM parcels to children who are not attending school.
- Regarding uniform / clothing, we will be delivering an emotionally rich curriculum until the end of the summer term, and will be utilising outdoor spaces as much as possible. Therefore, we require all children to wear their school shirt and a school fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan with something suitable on their legs for outdoor/physical activities and comfortable shoes such as trainers can also be worn. In line with government guidance to minimise any possible spread of infection, we encourage you to wash your child's clothing after each day, providing them with a clean set of clothes for the following day. We realise that this may not always be possible and children may wear their PE t-shirt as an alternative.
- When in school, we will be minimising the use of resources to ensure the risk of spreading germs is low at this time.
- We will also be ensuring regular cleaning continues to take place to minimise any risk.
- The Department for Education has decided that staff are not expected to wear PPE. However, we do have PPE available for certain circumstances, such as First Aid provision, or if staff would prefer to wear this.

I would also like to remind you that currently the Government have acknowledged parents' right to not return their child(ren) to school. The Government encourages children to return to school where provision is available, but if you decide not to send your children to school due to risks to their health or others' health at this time, we will continue to remotely provide support and 'home learning' to you, and there will be no penalties for parents in terms of attendance.

Finally, I would like to send you, the children and your families my best wishes at this difficult time. I hope you are all well and staying safe, and I look forward to communicating with you all again soon.

M. Nicholls

Mr M. Nicholls (Headteacher).

