



1st June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Extending the number of children attending school.

The government has announced that from 1st June schools should reopen starting with certain age groups in primary and later for secondary aged children.

Special schools have been asked to reopen bringing more children back into school-based education and we are planning for this. The Chiltern School has remained open for certain groups of children throughout the lockdown but now we are looking to extend the numbers of children attending school.

The week before half term we contacted you all and asked whether if we were to extend provision at some point after 1st June “you would send your child back to school?”

We had a good response, but we understand that some parents are still anxious. We want to reassure you that we are taking lots of precautions and ensuring that the school is hygienic in order to stop any possible spread of the virus were it to re-emerge within our community. We have completed a risk assessment which we will put on our website this week. Please take a look as it is designed to safeguard our children, their families and our staff.

We are now going to put in place a plan for a two-week rotation, starting on **Monday 8th June. The plan for children who are currently attending is that they will continue to attend each week**, every day. These families have been contacted.

For **others we will potentially start a Week A and Week B** provision. This will mean that for those of you who told us you wanted your child to return to school we will have half of those children attending each week putting them into two groups A and B.

We will be writing to you and contacting you by telephone next week to let you know which week A or B your child will be attending.

So, children in **Week A will attend for 4 days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) from Monday 8th June** and children in **Week B will attend from Monday 15th June**.

The school will be closed to these groups of children on Wednesday's, this is so that teachers can prepare the classrooms, prepare work for those pupils not in school and we can carry out staff training.

We will only be using the Kingsland Site and class sizes will be kept small with a maximum of 6 at the most.

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Children will work in their own protected Zone, with their own staff group, they will not mix with the other zones.

Transport may have already been in touch with you to let you know which bus your child is on and the time of your pickup and drop-off, if not this will happen over the next week. Your child is unlikely to be on their usual bus. However, if you feel that at the moment you want to transport your child yourself, you will be able to claim the mileage. Letters will be provided for those families that this affects.

The school day will look slightly different with drop off at 9.30am and pick up at 2.30pm. We have 3 different entrance points and you will be directed so you know exactly where to go on the morning of arrival.

So, if you have told us that you would like your child to return to school we will be contacting you next week. If your child is going to continue at home your teacher will contact you in the way that he/she has done over the past nine weeks.

It will be wonderful to get the school fully back together, but we must do this gradually if we are to remain safe.

Best wishes and thank you for your support

Best wishes,
Lisa
Lisa Leonard
Headteacher