



3rd July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families continue to be well and safe. I am sure that you are aware that we are starting to make arrangements for September and a full reopening of the school. The Government has now released guidance to all schools and we are currently digesting this in line with our own plans.

The COVID 19 pandemic is still with us and although some things are relaxing, there are still spikes occurring in different areas which may well continue during the summer period. As such, we cannot become complacent.

We are planning to reopen on **Wednesday 9th September** with pupils attending full time, although we are currently working with SEND transport regarding the start and end of the school day, these times may need some adjustment to accommodate the guidance.

We have been working closely with the Local Authority and the other special schools in Central Bedfordshire and have agreed to a consistent approach across the county. In order to support transition, we will have a phased return as follows:

Wednesday 9th September - Physical and Sensory Pathway, 2 Phase 3 classes at Kingsland and Early Transition pupils at Beech Road.

Thursday 10th September - All Phase 1 Pupils

Monday 14th September - All Phase 2 pupils

Tuesday 15th September All Phase 3 pupils

Further information about how the school will operate in line with DfE guidance will be sent out in the next two weeks. Please be assured that pupil and staff safety still continues to be our paramount priority.

Whilst the government is urging all parents to send their children back to school in September, for some of you this will be causing a lot of anxiety. It is our intention to work in partnership with you on this, we will not be taking a heavy-handed approach to school attendance in the first term.

Central Bedfordshire Parental/Carer Questionnaire

Central Bedfordshire Council are collating parent/carers views in respect of school opening during the COVID period. This information will be used at a local level and fed back to individual schools.

Please click the link to access the questionnaire

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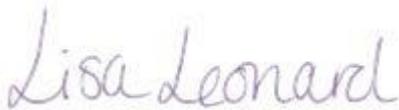


<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/xfp/form/194>

These are still uncertain times and we may find circumstances change, if this happens we will do our best endeavour to ensure information is communicated in a timely fashion.

If you are concerned at all about your child's return to school, please contact us to talk things through in more detail.

Best wishes,



Lisa Leonard

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