

NEWBURN MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 1st June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all, can I thank you all for your continued support through these unique times. I appreciate that this is a challenging time for parents and families linked to the school. Your support through home schooling, responding to communication and making use of the online blog has been invaluable. I hope that you are all safe and well and remember to contact us if there is anything we can help you with.

Today would normally have been the first day of the final half term. You will have seen in the media today that schools have begun to reopen across the country. At Newburn Manor we are currently open to the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils as has been the case since March of this year. The next phase of our reopening will see us open the school to our Year 6 pupils. I will be contacting the parents of our Year 6 pupils this week to discuss the reopening further. This will include details of the new school day, the changes to classroom layouts, social distancing measures throughout the building and the smaller groups in which they will be working.

Based on our extensive risk assessment (developed in line with the latest Government, Public Health England and Newcastle Local Authority guidance alongside the recommendations of the Trade Unions) and a collaborative decision made alongside other Outer West Learning Trust schools, **we are planning to open to small groups of Year 6 pupils from Monday 15th June.** We believe that a partial reopening from this date will allow us to monitor the infection rate across the North East and is a safer option for our children given that we also hope by then to have a greater reassurance that the national 'Track and Trace' system is up and running. We also believe that this year group are best placed to understand and implement the many social distancing measures that we are having to introduce.

If you are a key worker and believe your child will require a place in our childcare provision group can you, please contact school to discuss your future needs as these numbers will affect the wider opening of the school.

Behind the scenes, we have been busy adapting the school setting for changes given in the Department for Education guidance. Mr Leiper and his team have ensured that a thorough deep clean has taken place so that we are prepared for the wider reopening of the school and Mrs Hogarth has been hard at work procuring all of the relevant hygiene materials and PPE when needed.

I would like to end on a celebratory note. Today marks the return of Mrs Howse to Newburn Manor Primary School following her long term absence. We are extremely happy that she is back on the team and some of you will hear from her over the coming weeks. I'm sure you'll agree it will be great having her smile and enthusiasm back in school.

Thank you for your continued support

Stuart Pickup
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