**Opening of school to Year 6 and Year 1 children**

Dear parents and carers,

We are pleased to invite all children in **Year 6 and Year 1** to school from **Monday 8th June**. This will provide an important opportunity for your children to return to their learning and their friends during this challenging time. For Year 6 children, it will be a valuable time to support and prepare them for a smooth transition to their secondary schools in September.

We understand that many of you may feel anxious about sending your children back to school. Be reassured that we have put in place a specially designed system of operating that will promote social distancing as much as is possible, and ensure minimal risk of infection.

This includes:

* **frequent and rigorous cleaning throughout the school building and regular sanitisation of learning resources;**
* **regular and thorough handwashing including use of sanitiser;**
* **a one-way system throughout the school building together with social distancing markers of 2 metres;**
* **children seated at least two metres from others and with their own tray of books, pens and pencils;**
* **staggered breaks and lunch times**.

Although, we cannot guarantee that children will remain at 2m distance at all times, all staff will be promoting and monitoring this. **Children and staff will stay with their learning group** throughout the week to minimise social contact with others.

We are also requesting your support and cooperation.

* Please **provide your child with a water bot**tle
* **School lunches are preferred**. If you wish to provide a packed lunch it MUST come to school in a plastic bag to be disposed of once eaten.
* **No personal belongings in school -**  NO PE kits, books or pencil cases please.
* **Please do not arrive before 8:50am** and remember to stay two metres away from others by the gate.
* **Wait outside the school yard**: when you arrive, your child will be directed to wait by a cone two metres away from other children.
* At the end of the day (3.15pm), you will be directed to wait by a cone in the playground and your child will be brought to you unless they have permission to walk home alone.
* If you need to speak to a teacher, please phone school and the teacher will ring you when available.
* If you need to visit the school office in the morning, wait outside the gate until the children have left the playground.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact school. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to welcoming your child back into school – we’ve missed them!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Furno