



# DOVE BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Wider opening of school to more pupils**

Yesterday, the Governors undertook a school inspection to assess the implementation of additional and important Coronavirus protective measures. These measures which are extensive, were necessary before school was in a position to start welcoming back more children.

I can announce today the Governors are satisfied with these measures and school can now begin its phased return from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**Please note Governors and Staff will be monitoring very closely the effectiveness of these additional protective measures as well as local transmission rates and reserve the right to halt, or delay this return programme at any time.**

### **Proposed Phased Return Programme:**

From Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June:

All keyworker children currently attending school will relocate to their allocated classrooms. This week will focus on settling the children in, as they learn how to social distance within different confined spaces and to adjust to working as part of a 'bubble' with different organisational routines. This will include arriving to school, leaving the premises and lunchtime arrangements.

These children are applauded for their exemplary behaviour, cooperation and resilience whilst attending school from the start of this crisis.

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June:

Nursery and Reception children will begin to return to school. Letters have already been sent to parents, which detail quite extensively protective measures, hygiene regimes and new organisational arrangements.

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:

Children from Year 1 will be welcomed back to school. Miss Amison has also sent a letter to parents, which again details the extensive protective measures, hygiene regimes and new organisational arrangements.

**Can all these parents please respond to their respective class teachers with their final decisions as soon as possible and certainly by the published deadlines.**

**Year 6 update:**

At this present time Governors feel school is not in a position to finalise Year 6 return arrangements. Mr Macha in conjunction with our local high schools is currently finalising a transition programme and this will be launched this week.

For all pupils remaining at home, school will continue to provide remote learning. This week's launch of Showbie has been highly successful. Feedback from parents and pupils has been extremely positive. Class teachers aim to continue to develop this method of teaching further throughout the Summer term.

School will look and feel very different for the children that have been attending so far and for those returning for the first time. Your children are at the heart of all the measures we are implementing, in order to keep them safe, emotionally well and to be able to learn.

**It is crucial that we have rigorous systems in place to ensure the safe return of all our children and every one of us has a role to play to minimise the risk of spreading the Coronavirus infection.**

**Your support in following the measures detailed within each individual year group letter, will help to ensure we all stay well and safe.**

It has been without doubt a very unsettling and challenging time for us all and unfortunately adapting how we live, learn and work safely seems set to continue for some considerable time. On behalf of Governors and Staff here at Dove Bank Primary I thank you for your continued support and patience.

Your sincerely,

Mrs E Ford  
Headteacher