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RE: Arrangements for 1st June 'phased re-opening' of Perry Hall Primary School

Dear parents and carers,

Following the letter from the MAT, I am writing to update you on Perry Hall Primary School's plans for the 'phased re-opening' of school for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six, following the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday 10th May.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the incredible support that you have given since we were asked to close our school to all but a priority group of children on 23rd March. Whilst we continue to live in unprecedented times, we have developed a true sense of community which has helped us to support each other.

In order to effectively prepare for the potential re opening of Perry Hall, school will be **closed to ALL pupils** during the **half term break** (25th May – 29th May). As you are already aware, Free School Meal vouchers will not be provided during half term. More information regarding the procedure for Free School Meals from 1st June will follow.

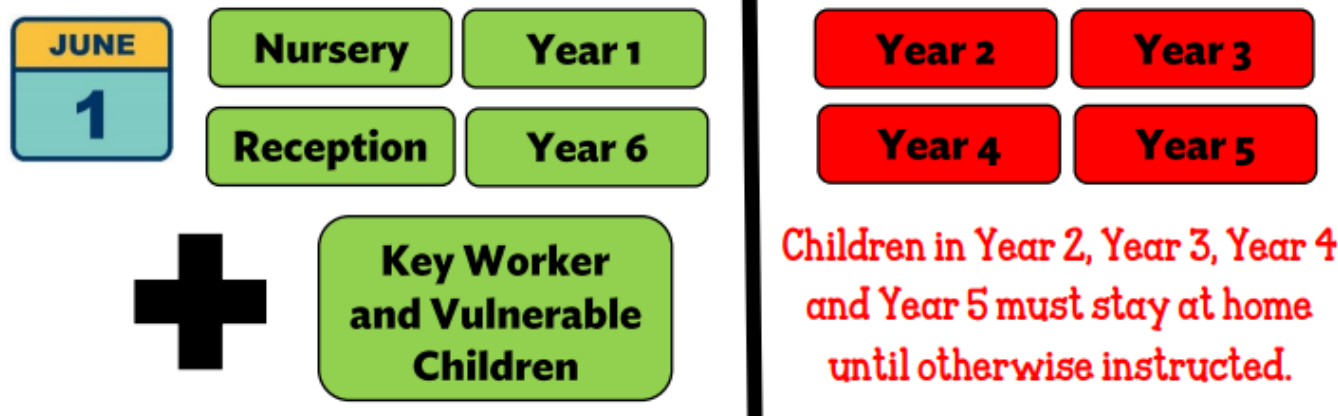
From the 1st June, school will be open to the identified year groups on a **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only**. Provision for the **Vulnerable and Key Worker children** will continue to be available for the **full week** (if they are not able to stay at home).

The advice below is designed to explain the changes made to normal school life after the outbreak of coronavirus. We hope to reassure parents and carers of the steps which are being taken to limit the spread of the virus. In the coming weeks and months, this advice may be subject to change, following new guidance from the Government.





- Is my child eligible to return to school?



From June 1st we will begin to welcome back children **over a phased period**.

We aim to see Year 6 and Year 1 returning on the 1st June. If we are happy with the transition back to school for Years 6 and 1, considering guidance from Government, we will then welcome Reception on 8th June followed by Nursery if/when it is safe to do so.

School will remain open for our vulnerable children and key worker children (who are not able to stay at home).

- What about sisters, brothers and other children?



Only children in the eligible green coloured year groups above will be back into school. Sisters and brothers of eligible pupils, who are Years 2-5, must stay at home until notified. If your child is not allowed school, they are expected to continue to learn from home with online support.



allowed currently in to return to

- What changes can be expected?



The time and place you drop off and pick up your child may be altered- information regarding this will follow. Breakfast and after school clubs will not be available to any pupils.



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The curriculum will be altered to minimise risk.



Your child may have a different classroom and teacher.



School uniform does **not** need to be worn. Children should wear clean, fresh clothes every day - suitable for outdoor/sports activities. PE kits should **not** be brought into school.



Break and lunch times will be staggered.

Children in Reception and Year 1 will have a packed lunch provided by the school kitchen as part of the Universal Free Meals.

Children in Year 6 ...

- who are entitled to Free School Meals can be provided with a packed lunch.
- **can bring their own packed lunch** in a plastic or paper bag which will be thrown away.
- can order a packed lunch from the school kitchen on the day.

Please note that no 'hot' dinners will be served during this time.



Limited access to the site will be in place for drop-off and pick-up times. These will be different for each year group. Details will follow shortly.

Each child should be accompanied onto site with one adult only.

- [How are you making sure school is safe for my child?](#)





There will be less children in each classroom. There will be a **maximum** of 15 pupils per class.



Everyone will wash their hands several times a day. This includes on entering the school, exiting the building and before and after eating.



School, including the children's resources, will be cleaned more frequently and sharing equipment will be minimised as much as possible. Resources in work spaces will be kept to a minimum in order to make sure they can be wiped clean. Wherever possible, resources which are not easily washable or wipeable will be removed from these spaces.

The following measures will also be in place:

- Soap and hot water in every toilet (and if possible in classrooms).
- Lidded bins will be present in all classrooms and in other key locations around our school sites.
- There will be a good supply of disposable tissues to implement the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach in each classroom.
- We will be providing all equipment needed (no pencil cases to be brought in from home).
- Children will only be asked to bring a water bottle. Please ensure these are thoroughly cleaned every night.



Pupils will remain in a 'bubble group'. They will stay with their group at all times during the day to minimise contact between children and adults.

Where it is possible to keep children within those small groups 2 metres away from each other, we will do so. Wherever possible, our staff will also remain at a safe distance.

Vulnerable and Key worker pupils...

- If attending school all week, will be kept in their own "bubble group".
- If attending school Monday to Wednesday, will remain in a "bubble group" within their year group.



The classroom layout will be altered to maximise the space between pupils. We will keep classrooms well ventilated and use outdoor space for exercise and breaks. Draws and some areas of the classroom may not be accessible to the children.



If a child or a family member becomes sick, they will not be able to attend school.



The number of people entering the school site will be minimised to staff and children only. Parents should phone or email as they will not be allowed to enter the office area.



The government guidance states that it is not necessary for staff to wear masks, gloves and aprons unless they are carrying out activities that would usually require the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) or if a child, young person or other learner becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs supervision until they can return home.

- What happens if there is a case of coronavirus in school?



If a member of staff or a pupil has symptoms of coronavirus, the person with symptoms must self-isolate for 7 days and return to school in 14 days with the rest of their “bubble group”. They should then seek a coronavirus test. These will be available via 111.



The people who the child showing symptoms lives with, must then self-isolate for 14 days.



If the result of the test comes back positive, the whole “bubble group”, who the child has been working with, must self-isolate for 14 days.

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If, after reading this information, you decide not to send your child into school, the Government have made it clear that you will not receive a fine.

The children at home will continue to be set home learning tasks.

- [What should I do if I am concerned about the re-opening of school?](#)



If you have any questions about this information, please call or email the school office and a member of the senior leadership team will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



It is important to note that face to face meetings will not be available in the short term, in order to reduce the number of people who access the school and to minimise the risk of the spread of coronavirus.

Please be aware, a further Government announcement is due on the 28th May to confirm the reopening of schools.

Many thanks for your continued support. We will be in touch with further information for individual year groups regarding their particular arrangements for classes, teachers, drop-offs and pick-ups.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kohli
Executive Headteacher.

