

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all managing to stay safe and well.

Last week, head teachers received over 500 pages of from the Government regarding a proposed re-opening of schools for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, on June 1st, this dependant on certain government criteria being met. The school will not be open for children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 at the moment unless you meet the Government published Key Worker Criteria. You do not need to complete this survey however if you feel your child is eligible please contact the school office.

The preparations to ensure our children's safe return are complex and, at present, I am still in the process of liaising with The Trust, Oldham Council and the unions to ensure that the measures we put in place, should schools re-open on June 1st, are rigorous and safe. **Our priority is to ensure the safety of your children, your families and the staff who work in school.**

In order for us to plan what we do next, we need to know if you are intending to return your child to school, during this final term. To help you decide you need to know the following:

- The Government have recommended 15 children to be taught in each classroom. At Clarksfield, we will be following the same guidance given to the wider population: social distancing of 2 m will be in place, which means class sizes of 4-7 children per classroom (dependent on the size of the classroom). The same adult will teach the children for the whole of the time in order to reduce potential transmission. We have to state that we will do our very best to ensure the 2m rule, however given the age and nature of children, particularly the younger ones, I cannot guarantee this 100% of the time.
- Because we feel we must follow the 2m rule to ensure we can be as safe as possible, your child may not be able to attend every day, as we will need to operate a rota system.
- Parents will not be able to enter the building and will only have limited access to the school grounds for drop off and pick up. Only one adult from each family should be present.
- Having undertaken a detailed risk assessment and the fact that builders are working in the school, the lower floor of the building may not be useable for us, this is being reviewed this week. **The result of this is we won't be able to accommodate Nursery and reception children until June 8th at the earliest.**
- The start and end of the day will be staggered to ensure social distancing can be adhered to for parents and children.
- Breaks and lunches (food will be eaten in classrooms) will also be staggered.
- Hot meals will be available for all, or children can bring in their own packed lunches.
- Children in Reception and Year 1 are only eligible for universal free school meals if they are on site, as we are not funded for meals for children learning from home.
- All children on site eligible for Free School meals will receive one. Children at home will continue to receive vouchers.
- The school building and all hard surfaces are currently being deep cleaned and hard surfaces will be cleaned during the day using antiviral cleaners. Regular hand washing facilities will be available for all.
- Children will have their own stationary packs.
- Your child may not necessarily be taught by the usual teacher.
- Your child may not necessarily be taught in their usual classroom

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- We cannot guarantee siblings can attend on the same day although we will try
- We expect only 1 member of the family to drop off and collect children to ensure social distancing rules are complied with.
- Staff will not always be wearing PPE.
- Children and staff will have their temperature taken on entry, in the morning, using a thermal thermometer.
- Children who have any signs of illness must not attend.
- Teachers who have any signs of illness will not attend.
- Children who are in households where any member of the family is showing signs of illness must not attend.
- Children who are shielding, or who live with a family member who is shielding, should not attend.
- Teachers will continue to provide home learning, support and weekly calls if you do not attend school.
- Attendance is not compulsory and you will not be fined.

I understand how difficult this situation is for everyone. We are working hard to ensure that everyone will be safe in school; however, I'm sure you are fully aware of how complex this is and how difficult social distancing in a school will be. We desperately want to return to normality and see the children again; however, safety and wellbeing has to be our priority.

We will endeavour to keep you informed as much as possible over the next few days.

Thank you so much for all your support and patience at this very challenging time.

In order to help us to make plans, please complete the attached form using the link below by Tuesday 19th at 12.00pm.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zz3XjXy17EC3-HVbUS2fe2mjvTf4mCIGsDr3o0n6jyhUOU9TRDVQM1A4M1RGV0xIRDIFM0NWQVdJOC4u>

Kindest regards,



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