

CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carers,

Re: possible re-opening of school to more pupils in June

I am sure many of you have heard the news that schools may re-open, during the week beginning 1st June, to Nursery, Reception, Yr. 1 and Yr. 6 pupils, if it is safe to do so.

This period of closure has been an unsettling time for everyone, but I would like to assure you that we are doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups and welcome the children back to a safe and secure environment.

During the 'closure,' the school has undergone an extensive deep clean, which has included individual classrooms, their furniture and their resources. New hand sanitisers have been sourced and fitted in classrooms and corridors alike.

In response to the recent government initiatives we have also created a detailed action plan, in order to demonstrate what the school's reopening would look like, focusing on all the precautions we'll be taking to ensure the safety of our children and our staff.

These include:

- **Limiting class sizes to a maximum of 15 children and ensuring these small groupings do not come into contact with others. (This will also involve pupils attending on a fortnightly basis.)**
- **Personalising pupils' resources, outside of Early Years, to reduce the risk of infection**
- **Staggering break / lunchtimes, pick-up and drop-off times**
- **Identifying drop off and collection points within the playground**
- **Promoting social distancing amongst all stakeholders within the school and its grounds**
- **Highlighting hand washing on a regular basis throughout the school day**
- **Supporting children's understanding and response to Covid 19 through regular PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) sessions, circle time discussions and social stories**
- **Increased cleaning of the building, resources and equipment on a daily basis with a Friday closure to enable us to complete an additional weekly deep clean**
- **Ensuring pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms remain at home and self-isolate**



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In addition to this, we will request that children arrive in school in clean clothing each day. We do not expect them to wear school uniform but they must be appropriately dressed and provided with coats or jackets, only in the event of poor weather. Book bags and P.E kits will not be required either, and should be kept at home during this period of time. Trainers can however, be worn to enable children to participate in planned P.E sessions.

I do want to reassure you that we are not going to be pressing anyone to send their children to school, but it is important you make an informed decision based on the actions taken to date. You are asked to inform us of your decision though, by completing the online form by 4.00pm on Wednesday 20th May 2020. [Online form - click here](#) Once we have received this feedback we will contact parents who will be, supporting a return to school. Further text messages and letters via ClassDojo will detail individual return dates, times of the school day and drop off / collection points.

At this point, the DfE has advised that parents will not be fined for non-attendance.

It should be noted too, that if your child is **clinically extremely vulnerable**, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is **clinically vulnerable** you should also follow medical advice to determine if they should come back to school. Where applicable please refer to the government guidance for further details of these groups.

If your child is to remain at home beyond the proposed return date, we will continue to support the family with home learning activities, in line with the recovery curriculum. The issuing of free school meals vouchers will be maintained for those eligible and our food parcels will remain in place for pupils in Reception, Yr.1 and Yr.2 during the time those children are not in school.

Though the return date has been proposed, the school currently remains open to vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers only. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we are not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

If this raises any questions, please contact the school or email advice@cromwell.bham.sch.uk which is monitored by the senior leadership team on a daily basis.

Again, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. I believe by working together and adhering to the safety measures initiated, we can ensure this phased re-opening is a success and hopefully paves the way to a full return.

Yours sincerely,

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