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Planning for the Partial Reopening of Friezland Primary School

Dear Families,

Further to my previous letter earlier this week and following the Prime Minister's confirmation last night of his plans to get children back to school with a "limited and cautious" approach, I am writing to you with the proposed plan for the partial wider opening of school. Planning for this has been extremely challenging because it **will not** simply be a return to normal schooling prior to the lockdown. The safety and wellbeing of all staff, children, parents and our community **must** come first.

We would again, like to thank all families for their messages of support and for the prompt survey results we received from Years R, 1 and 6. We very much appreciate that making a decision about whether you feel comfortable for your child to return to school, at this stage in the current situation, is not an easy one. Unsurprisingly, our survey to YR, 1 and 6 families regarding a return to school, received a mixed response. We respect that you may wish to change your mind about that decision as circumstances are changing daily and because of this, you will receive a further survey link prior to your child returning to school so we can plan accordingly. As stated previously, Parents will not be fined for their children's non-attendance during these phased return arrangements.

Our assessment of the situation is to take a carefully controlled, gradual approach as recommended by the Local Authority. Given the need for smaller class/group sizes, available staff, available space and social distancing measures required, it is now clear that we cannot open for all of the year groups at once. Our plan therefore, is to take it step by step, testing the safety of each step before moving on to the next step. **As such, our plan is subject to changes at any point and we will, of course, communicate any changes to you accordingly.**

Date	Year group	Start time	End time
Monday 1 st June	Continue with Key Worker / vulnerable pupil provision - it is expected that this number will grow over forthcoming weeks and this group has priority over any further wider opening. School preparation of classrooms/school site and protective measures put in place. Staff training around new way of working & protocols.	8:45am	3:20pm
Monday 8 th June	Reception pupils return to school.	9:00am	3:00pm
Monday 15 th June	Year 1 pupils return to school. <i>After reassessing the control measures and dependent on pupil numbers in KW group.</i>	8:55am	3:05pm
Monday 22 nd June	Year 6 pupils return to school. <i>After reassessing the control measures and dependent on pupil numbers in KW group.</i>	8:50am	3:10pm





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In order to ensure that safety is a high priority, we will be **closing school at lunchtime on Wednesdays** (specific time to be confirmed for each group) to all but the key worker group, in order to carry out a mid-week thorough clean of our site. During this time, staff will focus on planning and preparing learning for both children attending school and those engaging in home-learning. We are keen to ensure that **ALL** our pupils have access to quality learning and feedback regardless of whether they are in school. Staff will continue to maintain contact with our home-learners across the week although responses and feedback in our Google Classrooms will not be instant and may come from different members of staff. However, please rest assured that messages will be communicated amongst staff and that class teachers will be planning the provision for all their respective year groups.

Regrettably at this point, we are unable to open our Frosties before and after school club- the groups established in school are currently unable to mix and operating the club for very small numbers, simply isn't feasible. We know it is needed in order to support return to work plans and as soon as we can, we will re-open and offer provision.

We will write to individual year groups as their start date approaches to clarify procedures, ascertain lunch arrangements (the kitchen will initially be offering a packed lunch option) and share staffing arrangements and photographs of the learning environment to help support a return to school.

I would be grateful if our key worker families, would continue to send the registration forms back to school, accordingly. The returning of all other year groups will remain under constant review and I will write to you again, as/when we are able to accommodate more pupils.

The COVID 19 pandemic is a unique experience which has meant school has had to make some very difficult decisions. The control measures put in place (see additional letter) are for the benefit of all and even though some of them go against our school ethos (e.g. our open-door policy, promoting children's independence with being ready to learn with the right equipment), I know we will work together to maintain them, as doing so will ensure we can all be back together, sooner.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Rachael Swaby (Headteacher).

