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Dear Parents/Guardians,

How are you all?

I recently wrote to you all about the decision by the Local Authority to strongly advise schools to delay opening to more children until at least June 8th. We now have put together a draft plan for opening from that date and have set out the details below. This plan may be subject to change depending on the number of children taking up places in the key worker group, the availability of classroom spaces and staffing. The year groups will be prioritised in line with national guidance. i.e Reception – year 1 - year 6. Parents of keyworker/vulnerable children will need to decide whether they will stay in the Keyworker group or join the year group bubble.

I still think it is unlikely that any other year groups will return to school before September as there would have to be a significant change in the guidance we have received so far. We will make contact with all those children and families who are not able to return over the next few days and weeks. The draft plan is set out below. **If your child is in one of the eligible return groups you can either log onto the school website www.waverton@cheshire.sch.uk via a laptop/computer or log into the School Spider app on your mobile/tablet where more details can be found.**

Key worker children/Vulnerable children

For now we will continue to operate an extended day (**only if needed**) for **Key Worker/Vulnerable** children from 8am to 4.30pm in the school hall. This does not include breakfast or tea. Children **should** be dropped off and picked up from the main entrance as before, but please don't enter the building.

Reception class children

On Monday 8th June school will open for our reception class children, who will be split into two groups – A and B. Group A will be taught by Mrs Gordon/ Mrs Moulson with Mrs Hughes and group B will be taught by Mrs Croft/Miss Holdsworth along with Miss Marks. Group A will use the current reception class and outdoor area and group B will use the year 1 classroom and outdoor area.

Year 1 children

On Wednesday 10th June school will open for our year 1 children who will be split into two groups. Group A will be taught by Miss Tandy, with Mrs Muir/Mrs Able in the year 2 classroom and Group B will be taught by Miss Davies, along with Mrs Stanworth/Mrs Friend, in the current year 3 classroom.

Year 6 class

On Monday 15th June school will open for our year 6 children. The children will be taught by either Mrs Cartwright, Mrs Rumney or Mr Simpson in up to three groups depending upon availability of staff and classroom space.

Only one adult should accompany their child. Parents should practise social distancing at all times using the markings on the pavement as a guide. **It is recognised that it isn't possible for young children to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff.** However, we will be reducing the contact as much as possible both within the small groups and avoid mixing with the other groups within the school. The children will remain with their group or "bubble" throughout the day.

Some other steps we are taking in readiness for reopening include:

- Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, not to attend school. That includes children and staff who work here.
- Keeping our children in small groups with as much consistent staffing as possible, and minimising contact with other groups around the school.
- The "bubbles" will be spending a lot of time outside
- Cleaning our hands more often than usual. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered. We have set up handwashing stations in the outdoor areas.
- Ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and bins throughout the setting.
- We will have an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and play equipment.
- Asking children not to bring book bags, PE kits, toys or other items from home to school
- In order to protect the "bubbles" The Before and After school club will not be in operation at this moment, although, for now, we will continue to operate an extended day for Key Worker children from the school hall but this does not include breakfast or tea.
- School will close at lunchtime on Friday (except for children of Key workers) for deep cleaning and for PPA time for staff

We are making every effort to keep the environment safe for both the children and staff but that is not a guarantee that the school will remain Covid-19 free.

We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of a positive test.

Parents can book tests here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If your child or someone in your household has symptoms at home, parents should inform school. They should self-isolate for 7 days, with the rest of the household 14 days. Parents should seek a test using the 111 coronavirus helpline service. If your child is ill with symptoms during the school day we will separate them from the rest of the class and contact parents to collect them asap. The child should then self-isolate for 7 days. The rest of the household for 14 days. They will not be able to return for 14 days.

We **will** inform parents of suspected cases within school or bubble. However, only in the event of a positive test will the "bubble" be closed and staff and children sent home for 14 days.

Children should come into school wearing uniform which will need to be washed before it is worn to school again. If parents have a shortage of uniform or the children have grown out of theirs, they may come into school wearing other comfortable clothes which can be washed or changed at the end of the school day.

The children will be provided with a lunch bag from DOLCE our food caterers. Children in Reception and Year 1 are still entitled to their Universal Free School Meal, Year 6 meals will be chargeable as previously. The choices for the packed lunch can be made in the usual way online from Wednesday 3rd June. We strongly encourage all children to have a school lunch at this time, even if this is not usually the case. At lunchtime children will remain with their group and eat within their own class area. They will also have designated areas outside at playtime and will not be able to mix with children who are not in their “bubble”

Our over-riding concern is for the children’s safety and happiness. Initially the children will spend time on familiarising themselves with being back in school and working on social and emotional aspects of learning, getting to know their teachers again and spending time with their friends and classmates. A lot of the learning will take place outside whenever possible. Home schooling will continue but, with teachers in the classroom all day, there may be delays in responding to emails.

I completely understand anxieties that parents have about their children returning to school and that you may choose not to send them in. The decision you make is personal to you and the circumstances that you and your family find yourselves in. There should be no judgements made by anyone else for your decision. In order to help with planning we will need to know which children are coming in. **If your child is in one of the eligible return groups, please login to the school website www.waverton@cheshire.sch.uk via a laptop/computer or use the school spider app if using a mobile or tablet device and complete the mini-questionnaire.**

Any contact with school should be made in the usual way via telephone or email. Please avoid coming into school unless it is to collect a child.

I hope that this letter has given you a little more clarity. We know things are not like they used to be but, whatever the building and systems may look like, the staff haven’t changed and we are all looking forward to welcoming your children back to school.

Yours sincerely,
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Head Teacher