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Dear Parents and Carers

Partial Re-opening of School for Pre-Schoolers, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 - UPDATE

As you are aware, as well as looking after our Key Worker and vulnerable children, we have been planning for the return of more children to school. We have been advised by the Local Authority that it is now safe to do so and as such we will be opening to more children from Monday 22nd June.

I have contacted all parents with children in these year groups to ask if they are planning to return to school. Please be reassured that for those year groups, returning to school continues to be a parent decision and we will not be issuing fines or issuing attendance letters if you have chosen to keep your child at home. We have, however, asked for a firm yes or no to enable us to risk assess properly. If you have said your child will be returning the usual attendance procedures will be followed and therefore they should attend each day unless they are unwell. Unfortunately, at this time, we are not able to open to more year groups.

As I explained in my previous letter, parents need to be aware that within a school situation it is impossible for children to socially distance. We will encourage this with the Year 6 but clearly it will not be possible at all with the younger children. In order to minimize the risk to all member of our community the children will be put in Year group 'bubbles'. Social distancing will be adhered to with all staff and children outside of their bubble, as far as possible.

We only intend to have a maximum of 15 children and 3 staff in each 'bubble' in order to minimise the contact – they will each have their own allocated room, toilets (these will be unisex but limited to one child at a time), outside space and each class will enter the building through a separate door and gate. Additional safety measures can be found on the school website in the Newsletters section, Partial reopening – June 2020. Any parent wishing to have a copy of ur risk assessment please contact the office.

Session times for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are 9am to 3pm Monday to Thursday and 9am - 1.15pm on a Friday. Nursery will open each day 10am to 1pm for the pre-school and vulnerable children. School is closing to **ALL** children at 1.15pm each Friday for deep cleaning and planning time for teaching staff.

Like many people, some of our staff are unable to return to work currently as such the children will be in year group bubbles with the following allocated staff.

Nursery (Pre-schoolers)	Mrs King, Miss Newton & Mrs Baldwin
Reception	Miss Keeley, Mrs Ali and Miss Williams
Year 1	Miss Dimond, Mrs Flavell and Miss walker
Year 6	Mrs Lupton, Miss Grayston and Mrs Daneliuk
Key worker / Vulnerable Group	Mrs Carroll, Mrs Dryland and Mrs Drinkwater

Work will continue to be set by class teachers for home learning and in school we will follow the same plans. Children working from home will be supported by Mrs Pilkington and Miss Wheeler.

Please be aware that our risk assessments are based on the children we know are returning. If you change your mind and wish your child to return, please contact school to discuss it and **do not** just send your child in as we may need to adapt risk assessments or learning environments before they return. Children arriving in school without prior arrangement will need to be sent home until our provision is re-assessed.

As always our priority is to ensure that everyone is happy, safe and well. We hope to have our whole Fishwick family back together in September but until that is possible our fantastic team of staff will continue working hard to make the best learning experiences we can for your children whether they are at home or returning to school.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries or concerns head@fishwick.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

Vicki Conway
Headteacher