

**For the attention of parents and carers of children in year 6.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank everyone who has completed the surveys that we recently circulated. The outcomes of these have helped us to plan for the phased reopening of the school. Having collated all of the responses, I am now in a position to be able to communicate with you our plans.

As you will be aware, the government has signalled that subject to their final review later this week, schools will begin to reopen to your child's year group from June 1st at the earliest. For absolute clarity, **June 1st is NOT when your child will return to school.** Your child's return will be part of our phased plan to ensure that the number of children in school grows steadily and in a safe manner.

The children of parents who are key workers along with vulnerable children are the government's first priority to remain in school. Our recent survey has indicated that there is to be a significant increase in the number of children who fall into this category. Therefore we will initially focus on settling this larger group of children into the school and establishing the new structures and routines with both these children and staff. Once we are satisfied that we can safely move to welcoming back more children, we will begin with inviting the first group of Year 6 children back followed by a second group of year 6 children. We will write and text the parents of these children to confirm this date and at the moment you should not see this as an absolute start date for Year 6 children. You will recall from my previous letter that we intend to bring children back to school in the following order:

- Critical Worker and Vulnerable Children
- Year 6
- All other year groups (subject to further government advice).

**Once we are ready to welcome your child back into school, we will contact you by text and letter to inform you of this. Your child should not come to school before a start date has been confirmed.** This letter will include all of the details that you need in order to ensure that you and your child are well prepared for the new routines that are currently being established.

We appreciate that at the moment you would like firm dates as to when you can expect your child's start date to be, however at this time we are unable to do this. What we can confirm is that your child is in one of the government's priority year groups and is part of the first stage of the reopening plans. We will be trying to ensure that your child returns to school as soon as we are safely able to do so.

In the meantime, your child will continue to be able to access online learning materials through the Outwood Primary Online Academy which launches on Monday 1st June. The web address for this provision is [www.phl.outwood.com](http://www.phl.outwood.com).

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure your child's safe return to school.

Yours faithfully,

M Vickers  
Principal