



WORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Headteacher: Mrs C Flatman

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you all safe and well.

After the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening, the school has been receiving guidance on a daily basis to assist leaders in putting measures in place to secure the safety of all children, staff and parents for the proposed phased return to school.

I am working closely with our governors to ensure that all risks are identified and minimised to secure optimal safety for everyone. We will have to change our protocols and our routine at school to provide for this. Everyone's safety is essential. Once all of the plans are finalised I will write to you so that you will have advanced prior notice of the expectations before the children return.

I can tell you now that we are proposing to work with the children in smaller groups so that we will be able to ensure social distancing is in place. The children will remain in these groups for each session every day. There will be a change to arrival and collection times for each year group, these will be staggered to safeguard all parents and children and staff.

I realise that some of you may have real concerns. I know that you have spoken to staff and some of you have decided that for now you would rather not send your child/children to school. We completely respect your decision and I would like to add that staff will continue to support you and your child with home learning and anything in addition to this. We are all here to help. If there is anything that you need then please do get in touch. My email is head@wortham.suffolk.sch.uk

If you are a keyworker and would like your child to return to school then please do let us know. If you have spoken to staff and are undecided, then I would be grateful if you could let us know either way so that we can provide for the children we are expecting on the proposed date of the 1st June.

It's important to remember that everything the Government has announced, or will announce in the coming days and weeks, is conditional around the new alert system, and a second spike or increase in the reproduction rate (R), could see the stricter measures quickly put back into place. As a result we are planning for our return on the 1st June at the earliest. If there are any changes to this then I will of course be in touch with you all.

I will be writing to all again soon. I would like to take this opportunity to say that we are missing the children and all of you very much. We miss being together as a school community. We have loved seeing the photographs, videos and work that the children have been producing. You have done a wonderful job of being your child's teacher at home. Thank you from all of us at Wortham. Our school motto is **Together We Achieve** and this had been clearly demonstrated in the efforts from governors, staff, children and parents. It makes me very proud to be Headteacher of such a special school.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Flatman
Headteacher

