

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have seen in the news, at the moment schools are planning to fully reopen to all children in September.

We are currently working through the guidance, and ensuring that we have considered how this will apply to our school, based on our buildings, site and available staff. As you can imagine, there is much to consider as so many aspects of school involve bringing many different children and year groups together.

We also have to be aware that the situation is changing all of the time. Whilst overall, the situation is improving and becoming safer, we know localised lockdowns are a possibility. We need to consider that what is necessary now, may not be in September, but also that measures that have been eased may come back into force. As a result of this, we recognise the plans we are writing now may need to be adapted in September.

This year, our children who are starting in September have had no opportunity to visit the school. You will have all been in the position of having your child start in our school for the first time, and will understand that while it is an exciting time, it can also be one which comes with some worries. In order to try to support these children, we want to ensure that they have some time in the school before the whole school is back.

In order to allow us to do these things, we, along with other schools in the Sigma Trust, will be making changes to the first week of term:

Tuesday 1st September - Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 2nd September - Non Pupil Day

Thursday 3rd September - New Year 3 children only

Friday 4th September - New Year 3 children only

Monday 7th September - All year groups

We will be sending further information to you regarding specific drop off and collection arrangements in further communication. We did feel, however, that this was information you needed to know now.

This will give us the ability to ensure we have time to communicate accurate plans to all our families, and to better support the transition of those Year 3 children who are new to our school. It will also ensure that all the staff who support your children will be fully inducted into the safe working practices we will be putting in place during the summer closure.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of you back, but I am sure, like us, you want this to happen in the way which is safest for our whole community.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding in these extraordinary times.

Kind Regards,
Miss McCutcheon
Headteacher