

HUTTON RUDBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all your patience in allowing me to digest the government announcement and guidance information all schools received on Monday night outlining the proposed phased return of children back into school on **1st June** (dependent upon scientific advice at that time).

I understand that many of you will be nervous about this and filled with uncertainty. I assure you that we are all at school keen to see the children return to school as quickly as possible, but also as safely possible.

In order to offer you some reassurance, when your children ultimately return to school, it will be in an environment as safe as practicably possible. The safety of all children, parents and staff is of utmost importance to us and this will be at the forefront of my planning. I am committed to ensuring the wellbeing of all children and staff. I am sure that you will understand that in order for us to begin to welcome children back into school safely, there is a lot of planning and organisation required taking account all possible advice and consideration available.

Some of the precautions we will be considering include:

- Social distancing
- Staff use of Personal Protection Equipment
- Limiting class and group sizes and reducing session length
- Staggering break/lunch times and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

If school does reopen and we need to introduce these safety measures, school may be a very different place to the one children left. To separate children into smaller groups, they may be in a different classroom with a different member of staff. As safety will need to be our first concern, they will not be able to play or interact as they did before.

However, I can promise you that your children will smile and be happy seeing their teachers and catching up with their friends. We will endeavour to assess any gaps in their learning, but please remember, children are like sponges and will quickly absorb any forgotten facts or bits of knowledge and catch up with any lost learning. More importantly, we will help them with their health and well-being, and make sure we ease any of their anxieties and send them home each day with a smile on their face giving them love and care at a time when all children of any age need those things the most.

Over the next few days I ask for your patience. I will be working closely with all staff, governors and the Local Authority to plan how we as a school are going to logistically manage what is being asked of us. In order to help us inform our planning moving forward, I would be grateful if you could complete the attached questionnaire and email it back to the school admin account at your earliest convenience:

admin@huttonrudby.n-yorks.sch.uk

In the meantime, we continue to be open for all Key Worker and vulnerable children. This includes over the forthcoming May half term.

It is a privilege to be Headteacher of this amazing school. However, a school is only bricks and mortar without the incredible children and staff that make it such a wonderful place to be a part of. There is light at the end of the tunnel and I am sure that we will, in time, look back at the challenges we currently encounter with the knowledge that by working together the strength of our school community was and continues to be unrivalled.

Stay safe everyone. I wish you and all your families all the very best.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Kelly – Head Teacher

