

Good afternoon

Mrs Syms and I have been busy today gathering information about which children may return to school when we open - whatever date that may be! We wanted to share our current plan with you - though that may change any amount of times before June...

We have been told that class sizes should be no more than 15. We have also been asked to try and accommodate full time education. To do this we would have to limit the return to year R children only and they would have to be spread across the school and so would not necessarily be with their own teacher or in their own classroom. We are not comfortable with this.

Instead we propose to open classes to year R and year 1 children who will return on a part time basis in the first instance. We will take up to 15 children on a Monday and a Tuesday, then close on a Wednesday for a deep clean of classrooms and toilets. Then the other half of the class will attend on the Thursday and Friday. This way all children will be in their own classroom and with their own teacher or TA. We will aim to ensure that children from the same family do the same days, and will try to group children so that they are with at least some of their friends.

We will also continue to run provision for Key Worker children in our year 2 classrooms in addition to some home learning for those children who have not returned or who are in year 2. Home Learning for years R and 1 will not be as comprehensive as it has been as teachers will have a teaching commitment.

We are in the process of drawing up a detailed risk assessment of how this will be managed which we will share with you next week.

As you can appreciate this is a huge undertaking for us and we appreciate your continued understanding that we are doing the very best we can to make sure our setting is as safe as it can be for your children.

We hope you have a lovely weekend

With love from Jacky

PS I am sending this to Year 2 parents as well to keep you in the loop. We are sure you are all feeling a little left out!