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Learning and living as children of God
(Ephesians 5:1) (You are God's children whom he loves. Try to be like God)

Monday 18th May 2020

Dear Parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children,

Preparation for re-opening June 1st 2020.

This is provisional planning and may change when/if more children are invited into our school setting or there is a medical or staffing issue

Following the Government announcement Deerhurst and Apperley School plans to have a phased re-opening on the 1st June. In order to keep children and staff as safe as possible we will be making essential adaptations to our Provision.

- **Reduced timetable.** Government selected year groups of children will be invited to attend, (**see Pinch point TT for detail**)
- Subject to the TT these year groups will be invited in Monday - Thursday inclusive.
- In addition, these year groups are invited into school on Friday mornings until 12 noon
- **Key Worker children currently in school**, this provision remains the same. If, however, your children are in this key worker group they will not be able to mix groups. For instance, if they attend as key worker children on one day, they cannot go into their year groups on another. Therefore, once they are with their peers, that is where they will stay, for reducing the risk of transmission. If the TT changes when other children return to school this will need to be reviewed if the TT becomes a part time offer for some children.

Social distancing. *Government Guidance* states:*

One of the protective measures we can take to reduce transmission is to have smaller group and class sizes. We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 meters apart from each other and staff. Schools should therefore work through the hierarchy of measures set:



- *avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms*
- *frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices*
- *regular cleaning of settings*
- *and minimising contact and mixing*

*It is still important to reduce contact between children and staff as far as possible, and settings can take steps to achieve that and reduce transmission risk by ensuring children, and **staff where possible**, mix in a small group and keep that small group away from other people and groups. '*

We will be taking the above measures, and implementing the following:

- **Groups.** Children will be encouraged to work, play and eat in small groups and with the same staff member, as far as possible, to limit cross contamination. The tables and equipment will be placed to allow for social distancing where possible, and learning will take place outside where possible.
- **At the start/end of the day-**
 - Parents are asked to arrive promptly for their time slot and wait in the area marked out for them. Observing the 2m distance rule. Please see TT for details
 - Register of attendance will be taken once all the children are in school
 - Parents **MUST NOT** come into school please. Any discussions will take place over the phone or virtually. Please ring school if you need to pass on a message
 - There will be a one way system in place to allow you to pass others more safely.
- **Children will need to bring:**
 - Packed lunches, as outlined previously, need to be brought into school
 - Mid-morning snack
 - Named water bottle
 - Coat and warm sweater
 - Sun hat (and sun cream if required)
 - PE kit, in a bag
 - Please do not send in any books
- **Children will need to wear their own clothes so they can be washed and changed daily NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM**
- No toys or books to be brought in from home, books will not be sent home
- We will not be able to administer any medications (unless it is an urgent requirement) and any children with minor ailments or corona virus symptoms must be kept at home.



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I am aware that some parents will not be confident that safety can be guaranteed and do not feel that a return to school is appropriate for their child at this time. We support your decision and will continue to offer our weekly emails of home/school activities.

Please fill out the form below and return decision via email by **Wednesday 20th May at the latest so final planning can be completed.**

Best wishes

JNeveu

* <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

Child's name (Please print clearly).....

Parent's name.....

I intend to bring my child into School on the days allocated to him/her Yes/No

I have read the pinch point timetable and letter and acknowledge the information Yes/No

I give permission for my child's temperature to be taken using an infra-red thermometer when coming into school and during the day if the situation arises Yes/No

