



Dear Parents and Carers,

We reach the end of another very busy week in our Three Hares schools at the end of a most unusual half term. We continue to plan, risk assess and prepare for the return of more pupils after half term. Please note that **Monday 1st June** will be an **INSET day**, during which we will be closed to children, in order that all staff can engage in training and discussion relating to the next phase of return to school.

Thank you for everyone who received and responded to questionnaires earlier this week which are providing us with the data to prepare our classrooms and teaching spaces. Currently, we are organising children into small teaching groups, the size of which are dependent on the size of classrooms, following social distancing guidelines. These groups will remain constant and will not be able to inter-mix with other groups. In the same vein, breakfast and after-school clubs will not be available to ensure that children are kept separate. However, we hope to be able to accommodate all children who have expressed a desire to return.

Subject to change, dependent on government announcements and DfE guidelines, we are planning a phased return of children (*for whom a place has already been requested*) as follows:

Monday 1 st June	INSET Day for staff
Tuesday 2 nd June	Vulnerable and critical workers' children
Wednesday 3 rd June	Pre-school and Reception children
Thursday 4 th June	Y1 children
Monday 8 th June	Y6 children

Please note, we will be operating a 'maximum capacity' rule which means that once we reach this maximum number, we will be unable to accept more pupils. However, we intend to continue to deliver the home-learning offer during this 'return' phase as well as working with our children in school.

Other key information at this stage:

- Children will be required to bring an essential basic stationery kit with them to school so that sharing of equipment does not take place in classrooms e.g. pencils, colouring pencils, pen, ruler, rubber in a pencil case.
- Uniform should be worn as it is readily washable and provides some 'normality' for children in these new and unusual times in school. We request that clothing is washed as often as possible.
- Where possible, it would be best for children to walk/cycle to school with parents or to travel by car if not. Children on school buses will need space to socially distance.

More details will be issued to specific groups of children's parents next week, alongside some information for children to help them prepare to return to a 'new normal'.

I hope you will join me in thanking all of our staff and Heads of School for continuing to work so hard to prepare schools in line with new guidelines and risk assessments.

On behalf of the staff and governors of our Three Hares Primary Schools, may I wish you and all of your children and families a very happy and restful half term. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

With kindest regards,

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