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**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
**Planning for a phased re-opening of school.**

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will be aware, the government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of schools from the 1<sup>st</sup> June starting with pupils in nursery (FS1), reception (FS2), year one and year six. This is part of the government's conditional plan which it says will remain under regular review.

At this stage we have received some further guidance regarding the phased opening of schools which can be accessed through the link below.

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

There are many factors for us as a school to consider in order to reopen on the 1<sup>st</sup> June for certain groups of children and I need to stress that as this is part of a conditional plan, any plans may be subject to change. These factors include staggering start and finish times for the school day, implementing social distancing and organising staff and catering.

In order to plan ahead there is information which we need to collate from parents this week. Mrs Jefferson, from the school office, will contact each family who has a child in nursery, reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to ask key questions around whether parents would like their child back in school from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, whether there is the need for before and after school childcare and whether the child / children would like a school dinner.

In addition to the above year groups, we shall also be contacting parents / carers of children who have an EHCP and those children who are deemed as vulnerable under the government criteria to offer places.

**Changes in circumstances – key worker children**

Due to these current plans, there may be changes in your working patterns i.e. both parents are key workers and require a place at school for your child / children, if this is the case please contact me via the following email address with verification of working patterns from your employer:

[admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk)



It is important to note that this is the very early stage of planning a phased reopening of school. Circumstances can change and I feel it is important to manage expectations and also convey that I understand if parents have concerns and queries about this moving forward.

At this stage I am planning what a phased reopening will look like and your information is vital to this process.

If you do have any questions then please email [admin@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk) . I can then incorporate the answers to these questions in forthcoming communication between school and home.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher

