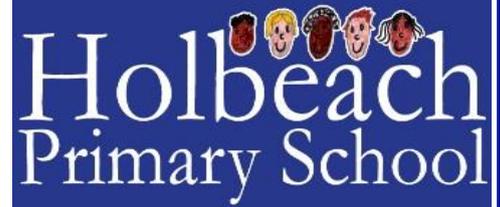


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Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Possible increase in the number of pupils attending school in June

As I am sure you are aware, the government have decided that schools may now be safe to gradually increase the number of children attending school. They would like this to be done in a **phased and carefully controlled way**, possibly from the 1st June at the earliest. They have suggested that the initial year groups to return to school could be Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils.

In order to help us plan for this possible change we are asking the parents/carers of the children in these year groups to complete a short survey that will have been included in the email containing this letter.

We are currently working on a comprehensive risk assessment that we will share with you as soon as we can, so that you will understand what the school's reopening will look like. Some of the precautions that we'll be taking include:

- Providing clear advice to parents and staff about what to do if you become unwell with Coronavirus-type symptoms
- Limiting class sizes (to a maximum of 15 children)
- Staggering break times, opening times and closing times
- Increased cleaning of the site and the resources
- Ensuring regular handwashing
- Removing soft furnishings and many resources from the classrooms
- Devising ways of ensuring that resources/equipment is not shared (e.g. asking all children to bring in their own water bottle that can be re-filled)

Please note, if your child is 'clinically extremely vulnerable', or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

**I want to reassure you that we will not be pressuring anyone to send their children to school and the government have made it very clear that it is up to parents/carers to decide whether or not their children should attend school. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations, so that you can make an informed decision when the time comes.**

In the meantime, may I remind you that **the school is currently only open for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers**. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that this is a very unsettling time for us all. Please be assured that we're going to do everything we can to plan for the children's return as soon as it is safe for our school to open for more children. We want the children to return as soon as possible but need to be confident that the risk to the children, their families, our staff and the wider Holbeach community is reduced as far as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Bulpitt  
Headteacher

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