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Dear parents/carers

Many thanks if you have already emailed us if you are an essential worker (**the Local authority has advised that only one parent needs to now be an essential worker**)

We are now planning towards re-opening for some year groups (Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) as well as the children currently in school. In order to help us to plan, we now need to know how many children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 would want a place.

The government have advised us that:

- Children in eligible year groups (Reception, 1 and 6) are strongly encouraged to attend
- Children of key workers and who are vulnerable should attend
- Children and staff classed as extremely vulnerable due to medical conditions should not attend
- Children should not attend if they have symptoms or are self-isolating
- **Parents will not be fined if they do not send their child to school.**

Full guidance for you can be found here:

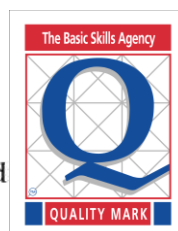
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

We are still at the planning stage, working hard with the Local Authority and other schools to make sure we follow guidance and keep safety a top priority.

To help with our preparation and organisation around groupings in school and staffing, could you please fill in the slip below, indicating whether you wish to send your child into school. It is important that parents realise that that children will be in small groups to allow social distancing to keep everyone safe. Children will stay in these small groups, with a member of school staff, for all parts of the school day and will not be able to mix with other groups of children. It is also possible that your child may not be with their usual teacher and that they may not be able to come to school every day of the week, due to the need to organise them differently, following guidance.

As soon as we have gathered all of this information from parents, we will be able to communicate our plans with you.

We know that you will have questions about many things, but we still have lots of planning to do and ask you to be patient until we can give you more information, we will be sharing our plans with you.



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Please email school with your **child's name** and the information below by **Wednesday 20th May** or by **dropping the slip off at school at the drop box in front of the school office.**

When schools can open to Year R,1 and 6, I would like a place for my child/ren:

	Child's name	
In Reception		
In Year 1		
In year 6		

Signed _____ Date _____

We know this is a very difficult decision for you and fully support the choice you make as parents, we will continue to provide regular updates as the National and Local Picture changes, so that you are able to change your mind, we will just need at least a week's notice to be able to do this. Thank you for all of your support at this difficult time

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