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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Re. Updated Re-opening Information for Parents**

I hope you and yours are safe and well. I would also like to extend my condolences to those of you who may have lost family members and friends. If you have suffered with this most debilitating and devastating virus, I hope you are making a good recovery.

You will have heard that the UK Government would like schools to open from 1<sup>st</sup> June for specified Year Groups only. After carefully looking at information provided, myself, staff and our Governing Board believe it will be SAFER to open on 15<sup>th</sup> June when the risk of infection will be significantly reduced. It is my responsibility, first and foremost, to ensure children and staff are as safe as possible therefore before re-opening, our building is being cleaned, we are completing risk assessments, displaying signage for social distancing, ensuring we have sufficient cleaning and hygiene supplies as well as PPE for use when necessary. We will open to a small number of SEND children with Education and Health Care Plans however we are not open to children of Key workers until 15<sup>th</sup> June. All staff will have been trained in how to keep themselves and others safe.

We plan to open for Year 6 from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Year 1 from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June and Reception from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June on a PART TIME basis. Class teachers will inform you of the specific timings for your family at the beginning of next week via ClassDojo. **We would be grateful if you would let your child's class teacher know if you will be sending your children to school by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

Reception parents will be called by the class teacher. If you change your mind or want to discuss your concerns please let your child's class teacher know. You will not be penalised or fined if you choose to keep them at home for the time being.

We will provide a packed lunch for children in Reception and Year 1 as well as for children eligible for free school meals in Year 6.

I want to ensure that we minimise contact therefore there will be no Assemblies until further notice. Playtimes will be supervised to enforce social distancing rules as much as possible.

Mrs Antoni, our Welfare Officer, will be working in the Welfare Room to ensure any child or adult reporting or displaying symptoms will be sent home immediately for isolation and will be directed to the nearest Covid-19 Test Centre.





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PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS. We will send more explicit guidance nearer the time.

Children must wear school uniform and will not be required to bring anything other than their water bottles as the water fountains will be out of use.

We will ask parents to observe social distancing rules on our premises at all times. I'm sure you have many questions. Please forward them through ClassDojo to your child's class teacher or if your enquiry is more general, please email me on [admin@barham.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@barham.brent.sch.uk) and I will attempt to answer you as soon as possible.

The contents of this letter are subject to change.

Thank you for your continued support, stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

Karen Giles  
**Headteacher**

