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Dear Parents and Carers

Returning to School

It has been quite a week with so many different messages flying around about planning for the return of children on 1st June.

The RSA (Royal Society of Arts)

As you know, we are now part of the RSA Academy Trust, and the trustees are meeting on Wednesday 20th May to consider the bigger picture for children returning to school. I will wait for their advice but, in the meantime, we are making plans and putting things in place at school.

We are working on three main principles for keeping everyone safe in school:

- Handwashing
- Social distancing
- Disinfecting

Handwashing

The children will be washing their hands several times during the school day, but particularly every time they come into the building and before eating snacks and lunch. We still use the 'Happy-Birthday-twice-through' rule to make sure the children are washing them for long enough. Children can bring in their own handcream as they will be in much smaller groups. E45 and Aveena are particularly recommended.

Social distancing

We plan to have the children in small groups of 10 to make it manageable for the children to social distance within the classroom. At present, with our Key Workers' children, we are constantly reminding the children how important this is, and they do try hard.

Disinfecting

The school will be deep cleaned before the children return to school and at the end of each week. During the day, the surfaces will be washed with antibacterial spray and the toilets and door handles will all be cleaned at lunchtimes as well as at the end of the day.

Year groups

As you will know, the first groups to return will be Reception, then Year 1 and then, if we are able, Year 6. This may not be full-time provision and, if the Government asks us to bring more year groups back before the end of term, the amount of time each group will be in school will be less, in order to accommodate everyone in these smaller classes. The children will not necessarily be with their class teacher or in their usual classroom as we are having to split the classes up into these smaller groups. They will stay in their group, in their classroom or outside with their adult all of the

time. There will be no assemblies, or whole year group get-togethers as the guidelines say we need to maintain the groups as contained units, or 'bubbles'.

Numbers of staff

Part of the planning has been to see how many staff, who have been working from home, feel they will be able to return to school. This helps to work out how many of these smaller groups we can accommodate. Some staff are unable to come into school because of shielding themselves or a member of their family. They continue to work from home.

Numbers of children

We need to hear from you if you are a parent of a Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 child. It would help us to know if you are intending to bring your child back to school. There is no commitment involved in letting us know – you can change your mind as the date gets nearer and there is new data available to us.

Please let us know by emailing office@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk making it clear who your child is and what class they are in, or call the office between 9am and 3pm. Please can you let us know by 3pm on Tuesday 19th May. We are asking for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents to let us know at the present time please. It would help if you can tell us if they 'definitely will' return, if they 'maybe' will return, or if they 'definitely will not' return.

Vulnerable children

Please remember if you have a child with a health concern, including asthma and diabetes, that he or she may be classed as clinically vulnerable in which case they should continue to stay at home. You can check with your GP if you are unsure if this applies to your child.

Home learning

You have all been amazing with the amount of home learning that you have facilitated. This has included not just the learning set from school, but also many different ideas and skills including baking, kite making, following up individual interests or going for walks. Please just keep going in whatever way suits your family. This time has been a challenge for you all, but you are doing an amazing job.

Thank you in anticipation of your help with the planning of provision at the school.

Take care all of you and I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sarah Boyce

Principal