

20th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of our Wonderful Year 6 pupils,

Since I last wrote to you regarding the Government's plans to re-open schools on a phased return, I have been working with all the relevant organisations to ensure that our school is safe for children, families and staff. The initial expectation was that children in identified year groups would return on 1 st June 2020 and school would remain open for children of Key Workers and those classed as vulnerable who attend our school.

Our Mayor, Joe Anderson , backed by Steve Reddy , Director of Children and Young People's Services has categorically stated that Liverpool Schools will definitely not reopen on this date and will only open when teaching unions and Head teachers feel it is safe to do so.

As Head Teacher, I wanted to reassure you all that I would only allow our children back into school when all appropriate risk assessments and safety measures are firmly in place. However, I feel that before you decide whether to send your child to school you would need some information as to "What school will look like", in order to make an informed decision.

In line with the Government's advice the following measures will be put in place **should** our school re-open before the summer holidays:

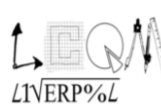
- Your child will be taught in a class of 10 children in order to maintain social distancing
- Your child may not be with their class teacher and may be with a member of staff who they are not familiar with as many of our staff are 'shielding ' or live with vulnerable family members
- Children will remain within their 'bubble' throughout the day and for the duration of the term and not mix with the other groups
- They will be taught in a classroom within the Key Stage 2 building
- Guidance states that children should not mix with other groups at playtime and lunchtime and therefore, these times will be staggered and groups will not mix together
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms and children must bring a packed lunch to school
- The school day will start and end at staggered times for the different groups and parents /carers will be expected to keep to their given times
- Only one family member will be allowed on site at any given time and will be expected to stand 2m apart from other parents/carers and their children

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This is also a very important time for your child as they embark on their secondary school career. Our colleagues in Secondary schools have assured us that they will ensure a smooth transition for your child.

You have a lot to consider and I respect your views and will support any decisions you make. You are not under any pressure whatsoever to send your child to school and you will not be fined should you decide not to.

We are sorry we have not had the opportunity with your child to enjoy typical end of year activities such as trips & leavers events. When large groups are able to gather again we will hold a presentation evening where we can celebrate your child's primary school life and they can tell us all about how they are loving Secondary School.

It would be much appreciated if you would share your views and indicate whether your child will or will not be returning to school if and when all risk assessments have been agreed by Governors and the Local Authority. Please email school monksdown-ao@monksdown.liverpool.gov.uk or telephone the school office 0151 226 1606 option 2.

We will continue to support you with home learning and provide suitable materials for your child to access.

Thank you for your support at this very challenging time and as always the safety of our whole school community is our number one priority.

Stay safe.

Kind Regards

Mrs Price

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