

GREENFIELDS

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Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of last week, the Department for Education published guidance for schools to help them prepare to open their schools for more pupils from 1st June. This guidance recognises that schools may not be able to cater for all of the children in nursery, reception, Year 1 and Year 6, in addition to the priority children (vulnerable children and children of critical workers) with their available staff or in their available space. The guidance also states that schools should not plan for children to attend on a rota system, either daily or weekly.

Our plans are based upon this DfE guidance, the fact that we currently have a significant number of staff who are not able to come into school and that to maintain Public Health England 2m social distancing guidelines, the maximum group size in our school has to be 10 children with 2 adults.

School governors have now agreed the first step of our wider opening of school to more pupils:

Step 1: w/b 1st June 2020: Priority children (children of key workers and vulnerable children) only:

Priority Y2 & Y3 children	Priority Y4 & Y5 children	Priority Early Years children
Priority Y1 children	Priority Y6 children	

Then, when governors feel it is safe to do so, we will set a date to move to:

Step 2: Priority children (children of key workers and vulnerable children):

Priority Y2 & Y3	Priority Y4 & Y5	Priority EY children	Priority Y1 children
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Plus Y6 children split into 4 groups:

Y6 Alnwick	Y6 Bamburgh	Y6 Chillingham	Y6 Warkworth
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After Step 2, governors will again review the situation and decide which other children can be safely offered a place when we move to Step 3.

However, once we are at full staff and building capacity, we will not be able to safely take any additional children until all available guidance recommends a different course of action.



If you are a key worker, **whether you are currently using our childcare provision or not**, please complete the google questionnaire that will be sent out today. Key workers will need to provide written evidence from their employer about work/shift patterns and confirmation that their work is critical to the COVID-19 response.

Key workers should always use emergency.childcare@greenfieldsprimary.org.uk to contact school about childcare.

Please note that if you are returning to work, but your work is not critical to the COVID-19 response, we cannot provide you with childcare, as we do not have the capacity to provide additional childcare safely.

We will also not be able to provide our usual breakfast and after school clubs, other than to the small group of key worker children, who have been accessing the provision since the end of March, as the government guidelines are clear that schools should only run such provision if they are able to keep children safely distanced.

Children should not attend if they are self-isolating or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions).

To reduce contact between different groups of children, and between adults, there will be a staggered daily start and end time for each group.

Step 1: w/b 1st June 2020:

Priority children (children of key workers and vulnerable children) can attend 9:00 to 15:00 every day

Later this week, we will send out more information about the new procedures for dropping off and collecting children, which will include a queuing system with markers at 2m intervals.

We hope that you will understand that we must do everything we can to make sure that school is a safe place for all of the children and for school staff.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation. As always, we will continue to keep you informed.

Best wishes,

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher