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Dear Parents and Carers

UPDATE: possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

At the moment there is no **decision** from the government about re-opening, just an **intention**.

The government have now published some guidance for schools that we are currently working our way through and seeing how we can implement it in our school. As you know, the most important thing for us is the safety of everyone in our school.

Given this uncertainty, I am therefore intending to use at least the first week after half term to make sure that we can keep the risk of virus transmission low, before considering re-opening to any more children (8th June at the earliest). This will also allow us to work with staff, the premises team, governors, parents and the local authority to ensure that everything is accurately risk assessed and all measures are in place. I think it is crucial to everyone's wellbeing that the children, staff and parents can all have confidence in the systems that we have in place, so that everyone feels safe and wants to return to school. Safety of children, staff and families is at the heart of all our decisions and we won't compromise on this.

Children of Key Workers

Education and childcare settings are already open to priority groups. Our children of key workers have been based at 'The Hub' at King Ecgbert School. This provision will be returning to Nether Edge Primary School from 8th June. All eligible children are welcome to attend if they wish to do so - it is no longer necessary for parents of eligible children to keep them at home if they can. If you are a parent/carer who is listed on the government's [key worker list](#) and would like them to attend school please email enquiries@netheredge.sheffield.sch.uk with the name of your child and their class, stating the critical work that you do. We will then contact you to make arrangements.

Children in nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6 returning to school

If and when we are able to return to school, it will initially be for the above year groups only (and children of key workers from all year groups). The guidance from the government states that if your child is well and in one of the year groups asked to attend, then they can come to school." However, it also makes it clear that *"there will be no fines if your child does not go to school."*



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In order for us to continue carrying out our detailed risk assessments for reopening, we need to get an idea of how many children may be returning to school. We will be able to share more detailed information with you later this week but in the meantime, we would like to ask you to indicate your initial intention by completing the SurveyMonkey link that will be sent out to you by text later today. We would like all families with children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6 to complete this by the end of tomorrow (Wednesday 20th May) please. At this stage you are just expressing whether or not you would consider sending your child back to school in June, you are not making a commitment.

Children in Y2, 3, 4 and 5

The children in these year groups are not being asked to return to school yet and should stay at home, even if their brother/sister is returning.

Online learning

Learning in school and home learning will be in line with each other so all children in the year group will be covering the same learning. We will continue to use Class Dojo to support learning at home.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding throughout this complicated situation.

Very best wishes as always

Michele Nott