



Highfields Academy

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Good morning everyone,

I hope you are all well. First I'd like to apologise for not being able to respond directly to all of your emails yesterday. We did receive literally hundreds and it simply wasn't possible to respond individually to all of them.

Many thanks to all of you who have responded to me. Mr Strefford and I have been looking at the numbers this morning and are now working on finalising plans for next week and the future weeks. The risk assessment will be updated now we have a clearer idea of what numbers will be like.

From June 1st school will still only be open to Key Worker children, and to pupils with EHC plans or social care involvement. This provision will look different to how it has done since 20th March. We will be operating 4 key worker groups:

Group 1: Preschool children – expecting 7 pupils

Group 2: Reception and Year 1 children – expecting 10 pupils

Group 3: Year 2 and Year 3 children – expecting 10 pupils

Group 4: Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils – expecting 13 pupils

By splitting the children into these age groups we will be able to provide more focused teaching activities than we have been able to with a more varied age group.

The indications are that around half of preschool and reception pupils will be returning on the 15th, a similar percentage of Year 1 pupils on the 22nd and the very large majority of Year 6 pupils on the 29th.

Please be aware that these dates are indicative and are under regular review.

One of the main questions that came through in your emails yesterday was whether it is possible for children to return on a part time basis. I'm afraid that this is not an option. The intention of the phased return is to build up the number of pupils returning to full time education.

I will write to you tomorrow with further details about which classrooms will be being used next week and which staff will be in each area.

Simon Dyson,
Principal.

