



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all safe and well. In our last letter to you we gave you a provisional phased reopening date of 15th June 2020. As you can imagine, planning for the reopening of school has been very hard and incredibly complex. At all times we have had the safety and well-being of our children, staff, parents and carers at the forefront of our minds.

As we said in our letter of 22nd May 2020, school leaders and governors will review this decision on Friday 12th June and send parents a final confirmation of the planned re-opening. This will take into account the local rate of infection and the national picture.

Clearly, we want to give you as much advanced notice of what the school has been planning and the order that the children can be reintegrated safely back into school.

The children will come back into school in their (age) year groups starting with Year 6 children on the 15th June. The details of when your child's year group will start can be found in the tables below. Each Year group will be taught for two days in groups of no more than 15 children. During those two days they will be taught Maths, English, Reading, Science and Creative Curriculum

This is a new stage in your child's education during this Covid 19 crisis. Children who come to school will be taught for two days and then sent home with work to complete for the three days they are not at school. School will close on Wednesday so that a deep clean can take place and staff can have their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) this is a model that has been widely adopted both locally and nationally.

The decision as to whether you send your child back to school is entirely personal to you and your families. You will not be penalised if you feel you should not do so or choose not to do so. If you choose at this time not to send your child back to school, we will try and ensure that your child can follow the curriculum being taught in school as closely as possible. You will receive a phone call once a week directing you and your child to the work set on the website and hopefully to answer any queries that you may have. If you decide that you wish your child to join their year group in school, it is important that you contact school at least 2 days in advance of them returning to school so that provisions can be made for them. Any child who is brought to school without prior arrangement cannot be admitted. This is because we have to set up work stations and prepare for their return.

We will establish a way for children to send in any work that they have been doing at home so that it can be displayed on school's Twitter feed.

All families will receive a weekly phone call from a member of staff starting week commencing 15th June until their child comes back into school.

Phased return dates for your child's year group

Week 1: Year 6 and Year 1 children start
Monday/Tuesday 15th/16th June – Y6 children start, then every Monday and Tuesday after that until term ends
Thursday/Friday 18th/19th June – Y1 children start, then every Thursday and Friday after that until term ends

Week 2: Reception children start
Monday/Tuesday 22nd/23rd June – Reception (group 1)* children start, then every Monday and Tuesday after that until term ends
Thursday/Friday 25th/26th June – Reception (group2)* children start, then every Thursday and Friday after that until term ends.

Week 3: Year 3 and Year 5 children start **
Monday/Tuesday 29th/30th June – Y3 children start, then every Monday and Tuesday after that until term ends
Thursday/Friday 2nd/3rd July – Y5 children start, then every Thursday and Friday after that until term ends

Week 4: Year 2 and Year 4 children start **
Monday/Tuesday 6th/7th July – Y2 children start, then every Monday and Tuesday after that until term ends
Thursday/Friday 9th/10th July – Y4 children start, then every Thursday and Friday after that until term ends

***Parents of reception children will be informed which group they are in.**

****Please note that the introduction of these Year Groups will be subject to changes in the pandemic situation and subsequent Government advice. We will only open to wider Year Groups if the Governing Body agree it is safe to do so.**

We know what a worrying time this has been for everyone, especially for parents making the decision to send their children back to school. For that reason we have written a guide for parents which outlines all the precautions that we will be taking in order to re-open school safely.

Once you have read the parental guidance booklet and if you still have further questions then please do contact either myself or Mr Cooper on the email addresses below.

A survey will be sent out by school ping for you to notify us whether you are intending to send your child back to school or not. Your child cannot be admitted back into school until the survey is completed or you have emailed us directly with confirmation for the reasons discussed above.

We would appreciate if you could reply to the survey ASAP so that we can make preparations for the safe return of your child to school.

Yours sincerely

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