



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Important: Phased Reopening Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all safe and well. In our last letter on the 5th of June we shared with you our planned wider opening schedule and corresponding Parents Booklet. We also gave you a provisional phased reopening date of 15th June 2020.

As we have repeatedly said in our letters, 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.

As promised, school leaders and governors reviewed this decision today, Friday 12th June, and have agreed to follow this week's Government advice not to open other than for Key Worker and Vulnerable children and Years 1, 6 and Reception.

Therefore, children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will not be returning to Steeton Primary School until September.

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.

This week school has had to close for three days due to one of our Key Worker children displaying symptoms of Coronavirus and being advised by the family doctor to take a test. This was to ensure that there was no potential of further spreading infection to staff or children in the school. Thankfully, this test came back negative which was a great relief to the family concerned and all here at school.

Unfortunately, this has meant that our planned staff training and preparation of the building for reopening has not taken place.

Therefore, we have put back wider opening of school by one week as training and preparation needs to take place next week to satisfy the terms of our risk assessment.

Year 6 and Year 1 children will now return week beginning 22nd June, with Reception the following week. Parents of children in these year groups will, on Monday, receive an updated booklet in preparation for their return.

All families will receive a weekly phone call from a member of staff starting week commencing 15th June.

School staff have been working hard to be able to offer greater support for home learning for the rest of this term and staff will explain what resources and support will be given until July. This will still include all the online resources we have already provided but will be supplemented by physical workbooks/worksheets that will be sent out to all families for each child asap from next week.

School Ping and email will still be used as communication methods in addition to this.

School has also invested in a new maths programme that was to be introduced in September but has been brought forward in order to enhance online and physical provision.

Children Returning to School

As we have said before, 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.

Children not attending school (either through parental choice or year groups not returning)

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 that has been sent home and that set on the website and hopefully to answer any queries that you may have.

Phased return dates for your child's year group

Week 1: Year 6 and Year 1 children start
Monday/Tuesday 22nd/23rd June – Y6 children start, then every Monday and Tuesday after that until term ends
Thursday/Friday 25th/26th June – Y1 children start, then every Thursday and Friday after that until term ends
Week 2: Reception children start
Thursday/Friday 2nd/3rd July – All Reception children start, then every Thursday and Friday after that until term ends

Parents will be informed which group their children are in if the number of children returning results in more than one group

Thank you again in anticipation of your understanding of the reason for these changes.

Yours sincerely,

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