



## Friday 21st May

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter find you and your families all safe and well.

### Re-opening of Schools to Some Year Groups

It has been an extremely difficult week. As educators we have found ourselves in the middle of a row between various bodies with regard to the possible re-opening of schools to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on 1st June. MAT and school senior staff have been working hard on plans and risk assessments over the week and I am now in a position to be able to share with you our opening plan and parent and pupil charters.

If the government give the go ahead to open school on the June the 1<sup>st</sup>, we will take a phased approach. On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of June, all key worker children who have been attending school and any new key workers, who have contacted myself for a place, can return to school. They will need to arrive between 8:45 and 8:55 through the main vehicle gate and should be collected between 3:15 and 3:25.

We will then re-open for Reception, Years 1 and 6 on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>. A staggered timetable will be made available to you before June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Staff will spend the week of June 1<sup>st</sup> preparing the school, running through procedures and undertaking health and safety briefings.

Further details can be found in documents on the school website. It is important that you read these documents. Detailed risk assessments will be made available to you once they have been agreed by the MAT board and teaching unions.

If you have not registered your child to return, or were undecided, we will need a week's notice to add them to our groups.

I want to reassure you that we want nothing more than to see the safe return of as many pupils as possible but only when we are satisfied that we can do it safely.

### Home Learning Activities

Please remember that no home learning activities will be provided by teachers next week as it is half-term.

Home learning packs will restart on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. If school re-opens more widely, staff will be unable to respond to messages as frequently as they have been as they will all have a full time commitment in school. Staff unable to work in school will be set the task of responding to enquiries. Further details will be given next half-term.



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The Department for Education has updated its guidance for parents and carers around home learning; This may be found [HERE](#).

## **Key Worker Provision**

This is just a reminder that provision for children of key workers and for vulnerable children will be in the different MAT schools next week (Half-term week). There will be no provision on Monday 25th May as this is a Bank Holiday. School kitchens will NOT be open so please provide your child with a packed lunch.

As we are potentially welcoming more pupils back into school after half-term, if you are a parent who is already accessing our key worker care or wish to do so from June 1<sup>st</sup>, please complete the registration form on the school website and return to [admin@colwich.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@colwich.staffs.sch.uk) by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

As always, we remain here for you and please get in touch if you need anything at all.

Have a very happy and safe half-term.

*Alison De Ste Croix*

Headteacher