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Dear Parents,

Expansion of provision from 1st June

I'm sure that you are aware that the government has stated its intention to expand access to schools for specific year groups from 1st June at the earliest. They have stated that they will only enact this plan if it is safe to do so at that time. From 1st June access to school will continue for key workers and they have been designated the priority group by the government. In order of priority after the key workers group are Reception, Y1 and Y6.

We have been working on a plan as to how we might do this whilst keeping everyone as safe as possible. Once the documents are finalised I will share them with you. It will then be up to parents in qualifying classes to decide if they want to book a place. As previously stated, there will be no pressure from the school and the decision will be entirely your own.

As they are the priority year groups, I initially consulted with YR/Y1 and Y6 parents. I received a good deal of thoughtful, positive and supportive feedback as well as ideas and concerns. It was a real pleasure to read these, so thank you if you wrote back. Your contributions were very useful and will be folded into our final plan.

The basic principles of our plan are:

- Class sizes will be kept at 8 (in line with Worcestershire guidance). This will enable us to keep some social distancing in place.
- We will therefore run 7 classes of 8 pupils.
- Our key workers' children will take up 4 of these classes if they all come in at the same time. Therefore we have allocated them 4 staffed class bases (C3/C4/C5/C6).
- This leaves 3 classes of 8 available with the second priority group of reception having first refusal of these places.
- We have timetabled a staggered start and end of the day along with staggered play times.
- We will encourage social distancing at pick up times and utilise different drop off points.
- Lunch will be in the classrooms.
- Packed lunches only (we will liaise with Black Pepper about provision).
- Each group must stay separate at all times to prevent potential cross contamination.
- If somebody in a group gets ill with COVID 19 like symptoms then that whole group (plus their families) will need to stay at home in quarantine until testing establishes if it is COVID-19 or not.

- All rooms to just have 8 desks and chairs which are allocated to a child who then has that as their permanent place along with their own equipment.
- All other tables and soft furnishings and complex (difficult to clean) equipment will be stored in the hall.
- Parents not to enter the school unless absolutely essential.
- Sanitiser, PPE and cleaning kits are allocated to each room.
- Cleaning will be focused on touch points, toilets and identified high risk areas
- Each class to be allocated PE/playtime equipment that only they use.
- Handwashing and sanitising regular and thorough.
- Good respiratory hygiene practiced at all times.
- Plan to be kept under review and will be subject to change if the pupils of key workers group increases in number, or as per any new guidance.

Please feel free to ask questions or to give any further comment by emailing us on office@leighbransford.worcs.sch.uk .

Best wishes,

Mr S Bill
Headteacher