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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to outline how I intent to move forwards with the government proposals to begin to open schools. Firstly, I must emphasise that this is still a plan and I will only be moving forward as and when it is safe to do so.

The arrangements that will apply across the school will include:

- One way systems (entry and exit and around the school)
- One parent accompanying children to and from school
- Staggered arrival and departure times
- Temperature checks on arrival
- Small groupings with the same staff – creating ‘bubbles’
- Designated play spaces
- Cold lunches only
- Cleaning routines and kits per room
- PPE available
- Routines and supervision established around toilets
- Children in own clothes – this must be a clean set every day

I have outlined proposals for different groups of children below. Please can I ask parents of Reception, Year 1 and 6 to complete this form to indicate whether you intend to send your child back to school (I recommend reading the arrangements I have listed below before completion):

## [VAT Parent Survey: Response to Reopening of Schools](#)

**Term 6 begins on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. During this first week, I will only be welcoming back our key worker and vulnerable children.** The hours for this provision remain 8-4 and drop off / pick up will be via the school office. I will write to these families tomorrow with full details.

**The next dates are provisional and I will only proceed with the following arrangements if and when circumstances allow:**

**On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June (at the earliest), I will look to welcome Year 6 children back.** Their day will run from 8:15 until 2:45. Groups will be no larger than 15 children and these groups will be assigned to a teacher and teaching assistant and classroom (across the Year 5 and 6 areas). This establishes a ‘bubble’. Contact will be limited to this group throughout the day. I will write to families to confirm a return date and full details in due course.

**On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June (at the earliest), I will look to welcome Year 1 children back.** Groups will be no larger than 15 children and these groups will be assigned to a teacher and teaching assistant and classroom (across the Key Stage One area). This establishes a ‘bubble’. Contact will be limited to this group throughout the day. Again, I will write to confirm a date and details for this return when I am ready to do so.

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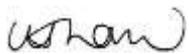
**On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, I will look to welcome Reception children back.** At this stage, I will not have the staff or space to accommodate the Reception children all at the same time in small groupings. I will be inviting the children to half-day sessions which will run in a similar way to when the children first started with us. The half days will run as either a morning (9:15-11:30) or an afternoon (1:15-3:30). Each small group will be assigned a teacher and teaching assistant and classroom and will remain in this 'bubble' for morning or afternoon. Once again, I will write with further information when I can.

I must stress the following:

- This will not be 'normal' school. Contact will be restricted to 'bubbles' and play areas will be designated to groups of children. I cannot guarantee that children will be grouped with all of their friends and I cannot guarantee which teacher they will have.
- Attendance is at the discretion of parents but I must ask that if you commit to coming to school you do so everyday unless your child is ill – this allows for consistency in teaching and learning
- The curriculum at school will consist of English, Maths and PSHE
- We will encourage outdoor learning
- There will be no breakfast club or after school clubs – (timings – key workers 8-4, Year 6 8:15-2:45, Year 1 8:45-3:15 and Reception either 9:15-11:30 or 1:15-3:30)
- We will be far more cautious regarding children feeling unwell
- Parents must observe one way systems and the timings for access to the school site that I will detail in year group letters

There is an extensive list of additional arrangements, designed alongside guidance and a risk assessment process that has been agreed by Chilton governors. I am happy to answer any questions that parents may have but I must also stress once again that the government has stated that social distancing cannot be maintained at all times with primary school aged children. What I have arranged reflects our very best efforts to keep everyone, including staff, safe. I understand that many of you will feel anxious about a return to school – many of my staff do too but they will do their duty for your children to the very best of their ability.

Yours Sincerely



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