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Dear Parent/Carer,

Wider Opening of Schools – CGPS Update and Outline Plan

Thank you for your contributions to our parent survey last week - we received information from almost all of our families, particularly those in the key groups identified. I fully understand that there are many factors that families need to consider before committing to a return to school but these indicative discussions have been vital in helping us to arrange our future provision.

Having now had time to review government guidance and work with colleagues and governors both in school and across the city, I am now in a position to tell you a little more about our plan for the wider opening of school. I'd like to remind you however that **this is a conditional plan which is reliant on the information shared by central government on Thursday 28th May**. Our plans are aligned with the York Schools and Academies Board and I have attached a brief letter from the board who outline plans across the city.

Next week is half-term and we will be offering reduced provision for critical worker families, vulnerable children and those with EHCPs to enable staff to prepare and clean the school site ready for more children to hopefully return to school. Following the government update on 28th May, we then aim to provide the following:

- On Monday 1st June, school will continue to offer a very limited service and in-line with most other schools across York we will be inviting all staff in for training to ensure that they are fully-briefed with the new expectations and Health and Safety requirements.
- As of Tuesday 2nd June, we will be welcoming an increased number of critical worker families, vulnerable children and those with EHCPs into school **alongside children from Year 1 only**.
- A review of these arrangements towards the end of w.b. 1st June will then inform our next steps. Hopefully, we will be able to welcome pupils from Reception and/or Year 6 from Monday 8th June. An update regarding this decision will be shared as soon as possible.

The decision to potentially open with a phased return of pupils has not been taken lightly and we have considered all government and local guidelines to inform our plans. As parents you have the choice as to whether to send your child(ren) to school and please understand that attendance will not be monitored in the same way as it has usually been.

We need parents and children to understand that **the provision in school will be significantly different to what children, staff and families are used to**. Arrangements

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in school will ensure that we minimize the contact that children and staff have with others and aim to prevent cross-contamination. Some of the main changes are included below:

- Classrooms being limited to a maximum of 8 children to enable social distancing measures.
- Each group of pupils will be supported exclusively by a very small number of staff and groups will not be able to mix with other groups.
- There will be staggered start and end times for each group.
- Parents/carers will not be able to enter the school site and we will be making arrangements for one-way routes around school to enable children to be dropped off either at or close to their external classroom door where possible.
- Whilst in school, children will be expected to follow social distancing guidelines as much as possible and staff will support them in doing so.
- There will be frequent opportunities for handwashing and children will be reminded about behaviours which promote good hygiene throughout the day.
- An increased cleaning regime will operate throughout school.

As always, if your child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus or has been in contact with anyone else who has symptoms, you must not send your child to school and you should follow government self-isolation guidelines.

The measures in place in school are to keep all children and adults safe and healthy and a robust risk-assessment will be shared with everyone ahead of a wider reopening to help inform parent/carer decisions. There will also be a revised home-school agreement which will further outline the expectations you can have of school and that we will have of you and your child(ren).

We will continue to provide home learning activities via Google Classroom and Tapestry as we have been doing in recent weeks. There will be a break in this provision next week to enable families to spend quality time together and/or catch up on any learning that they may have not yet completed. Teachers will continue to keep in contact with pupils and their families via the Google Classroom Stream and direct calls.

Further information will be provided to families ahead of a return to school and we will be in touch directly with those families who will be affected first.

As always, if you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of school, please do not hesitate in contacting us on 01904 555105 or emailing myself directly at: n.jones@cliftongreenprimary.co.uk. Our Chair of Governors, John Kesterton, is also happy to respond to your enquiries (j.kesterton@cliftongreenprimary.co.uk).

I look forward to welcoming all of our families back into school and return to normality as soon as it is safe to do so.

Many thanks for your continued support,



Nicola Jones
Acting Headteacher



John Kesterton
Chair of Governors



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