

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well. It has been an intense week of preparation and organisation with all the staff team working hard to get everything ready for the partial re-opening of the school on Monday. Those of you who have children returning have had a lot of communication this week, but I am aware that others will not yet know how the school is moving into the next phase.

Since Sharon Peer wrote to you just before half term with our plans of how we would re-open, the situation has moved on as parents of children eligible to return have made decisions as to whether to send them back from 8 June, and as more Key Worker families return to work and have needed places. Therefore, the school will be re-opening for children of Key Workers and specified year groups as follows:

- Two groups of up to ten Key Worker children (years 2-5)
- One group of ten Year 1 Key Worker children
- One group of six Year 6 Key Worker children
- One group of ten children in Reception
- Three groups of up to ten Year 6 children attending on a rota basis with each group attending one week in three

I am afraid that we now have no capacity to admit any more children to either the Acorn or Willow groups. I know that there were parents who had hoped that their children might be able to come back to school later this month, but unfortunately we do not have the capacity to hold places open. I also know that some parents in Year 1 who would have liked their children to return to school and who haven't been offered a place. There was more demand than places so we have had to prioritise children of key workers. We are absolutely delighted to be able to offer our Year 6 children some time back with us before they leave for secondary school.

There are now very limited spaces in the other Key Worker groups/bubbles. If you are a key worker and require a space, please email [swheatman@bourn.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:swheatman@bourn.cambs.sch.uk) and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

The parents of children returning have received extensive information on how the school will operate, based on thorough risk assessments. Children in each of the bubbles will arrive and leave at specified times to ensure as few people on the school site as possible at any one time. Although we have to ensure that we reduce risk as much as possible, our aim is for school to be as normal and welcoming as possible.

Preparing the school for some children heightens the sense of how much we miss all the children we won't be seeing in school over the coming weeks. We have aimed to align the learning in school and out of school and we will be following the Home Learning timetable in school. This aims to reduce the difference between what the children cover in and out of school. I hope that it is becoming easier to follow the timetable, but do remember that if it is not possible for you to follow it, from Monday, we will also be uploading a less structured option to the website as well. We are aiming to get the video conferencing session between children and their teacher set up very soon.

Please also keep looking at the website <https://www.bournschool.co.uk/weekly-reviews-winners/> for competitions, birthdays, music activities etc. and send in your photographs of what your child has been doing if you would like to share it.

Finally, I would like to express our admiration and appreciation for the work you have all been doing with your children since March. I know how hard this has been, especially if you are working as well. As parents, we thought we knew the meaning of multi-tasking already – but these last few months have taken that skill to a whole different level!

Have a good weekend everyone,

Best wishes,

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