



'Respectful and resilient; being the best that we can be.'

Timothy Hackworth Primary School



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Partial Reopening of Schools – Monday 1st June 2020

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We do hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Following on from the latest Government advice, in that the Government would like children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to school on Monday 1st June, we would like to share the following information with you.

We are really keen to see children back at school again, and we do want normality to resume as soon as possible.

The safety of your children, together with the safety of our staff, is of the utmost importance to us. As you will be aware, school has been open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children since Monday 23rd March. Following Government guidance, at this current time, we feel that we can only welcome back Year 6 on Monday 1st June. This is to enable appropriate social distancing measures so that they can be realistically applied, although as you will appreciate, with young children, these measures cannot be guaranteed.

Although the Government has advised schools that classes should be at a maximum of fifteen children, we strongly believe at Timothy Hackworth, that class sizes should be of no more than eight children at the current time, so that social distancing measures are as effective as possible. As I am sure you will appreciate, the older children in Year 6 are in a better position to understanding social distancing rules, whereas younger children in the Early Years, would find this extremely difficult.

We are currently reviewing all of the measures that will need to be put into place in order to keep the children and staff as safe as we can, and we are working hard to do

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this. Children will be in small groups (bubbles) of no more than eight children. The children will remain in their 'bubble' throughout the day, including playtimes and lunchtimes. There will be members of staff allocated to each 'bubble', which will remain consistent, so that the same group of staff and children will be together every day.

Parents and carers of Year 6 children will be contacted individually over the coming days so that we can find out how many Year 6 children will be returning to school. Further details will then be shared with Year 6 parents, once we know of confirmed numbers.

In order to stay safe, Breakfast Club will not be available for Year 6 children coming into school in June, although this provision will continue for children of key workers and vulnerable children. Unfortunately, there will be no after school club provision for the remainder of this term.

Further information will follow regarding next steps. We look forward to welcoming additional year groups, but only when it safe and feasible to do so.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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