



Tuesday 5th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE – UPDATE ON PHASED RE-OPENING **EYFS PARENTS MUST RESPOND**

Keyworkers

Thank you to everyone who has completed an application form for a keyworker place in school. I can confirm that applications are now closed and no further applications will be considered at this time. We have received a large volume of requests but thankfully I am able to say that we will be able to accommodate all the requests we have received to this point. Tomorrow we will allocate the children to their groups and on Thursday we will write to individuals to confirm which group your child has been placed in and the specific arrangements for that group.

If you are a parent of a child in Reception or Year 1 and have requested a place as a keyworker, your child will be placed in an age appropriate group and you do not need to complete any further forms to secure a place.

Thank you for the speed at which you completed your forms and for your patience whilst we organise this. It is much appreciated.

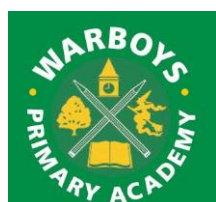
EYFS

We are now able to commence preparations for re-opening to EYFS. As you will have seen from our planning document, we can currently accommodate up to 24 EYFS children. We have identified a team of 7 adults to work with EYFS children. Those adults are:

Group	Adults
Keyworker group (8-4pm)	Miss Bruce Mrs Venables Mr Bostock
8:40-2:40pm group	Mrs Chivers Mrs Olivier
9:00-3:00pm group	Mrs Smith Mrs Howlett

Mrs Marsden will continue to lead the EYFS team and co-ordinate home learning and communications. She will not be involved in working directly with groups of children but will retain strategic responsibility for overseeing our EYFS provision. We will split the children equally between the groups who may not necessarily be in their own class but they will be with familiar adults.

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Over the next 3 days the team will be in school for staff training and to organise the learning environments ready for the children to return. We hope to have everything ready by the end of the day on Friday so that we can send you videos and photographs that will help you to understand what the new EYFS experience will be like for the children. We cannot hide from the fact that school will feel like a very different place and some of you may be understandably concerned but please rest assured that creating a positive and happy experience for the children is as high on our priority list as making the experience safe. We hope to start welcoming EYFS back into school from Monday 8th June but have a huge task ahead of us and need your help to prepare.

It would help us enormously with our planning if we could get an up to date indication from you at this stage whether you are planning to send your child back to school from 8th June. When I conducted my previous survey, only 11 parents confirmed that they would take up a place and I understand that as time has moved on, your situation and feelings may have changed. It will make a significant difference to the staff in terms of preparation if numbers are confirmed and we can plan accordingly. I am sure you can appreciate that in setting up individual learning stations there is a big difference in terms of resourcing and space between 11 and 24 children.

If you have a child in EYFS and you **have not** already requested a place as a keyworker, please could you complete this [short survey](#) to let us know your intentions when school re-opens next week. If you are undecided at this stage and have questions or concerns you would like to discuss then please do not hesitate to contact me by calling the school office. I cannot make the decision for you, but I may be able to provide further information and respond to your concerns to support you in your decision making. I will need response to the survey by **Thursday 4th June at 12 noon**. I apologise for the quick turnaround.

Please rest assured that whatever decision you make at this stage will have my full support. Only you can decide what is right for your child and your family and if you decide not to send your child back to school next week, they will continue to be supported by the home learning offer we provide currently through Tapestry. We will then work closely with you to ensure a successful reintegration into school life for your child when the time is right.

I am sorry to ask such a difficult question of you but please understand that it is in the interests of getting this right for our children and our staff and making best use of the information and resources that we have. I thank you for your continued understanding and support and reiterate the message that if you would like to discuss this, you are more than welcome to call me tomorrow.

Yours Sincerely

Becky Ford
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