

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you are all staying safe and well.

In school, we have been busily working on our risk assessment, following local and national guidance and preparing for the welcoming back of more pupils this week. We have also begun trialling the tweaks and changes required in order to welcome back even more pupils when the Y6s return. Currently, the local authority have requested that we postpone this from June 8th, as last reported, to June 15th.

You also need to be aware that schools are anticipating further announcements between now and the 15th June. Therefore, our current risk assessments and plans may have to change quickly to respond to new information.

In order for us to prepare for the anticipated Y6 pupils return, it is vital that we have a really clear understanding of who requires a place in school and for which days, to allow us to organise the children into 'bubbles' as per my previous letter. Our risk assessment has identified that we have a maximum capacity in school due to both building constraints and staffing. Therefore, if a large number of parents request places for their children, there is a possibility that we will not be able to provide places for all.

If you are one of the following:

- the parent/carer of a child in Y6 and would like them to return to school from Monday 15th June
- the parent/carer of a vulnerable child
- a key/critical worker *

A survey is available on sQuid via the trips and offers section. Please ensure you process the survey right to the end of the transaction via 'purchasing' for your survey (£0 value). To check if your survey has been sent to us you can view your purchased items. If the survey is not under this section it will still be in your basket and will need to be purchased (£0 value).

Please complete the survey by 1pm on Mon 8th June.

We will be asking you to state which days you require places. In order to maximise numbers, and ensure that we adhere to the risk assessment, we need to create bubbles with the same children in. This will be easier for those attending full time.

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Parents requiring part-time places

Essentially, we would much prefer it if the days you booked for your child remained the same each week. If these need to change, we will ask that you indicate all possible days that your child is likely to attend so that we can guarantee their place. You will need to continue to contact enquiries@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk by Wednesday each week to confirm which days are needed for the following week.

*Guidance on critical workers was reissued yesterday and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Crucially, the guidance restates that “**The definition of critical workers remains unchanged**”. Other jobs and professions that have returned to work as part of the government’s encouragement to do so are not automatically classed as critical workers unless already included in the previous definition.

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