

Wednesday, 20 May 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

Update on school position – 20.05.2020

I hope that you all continue to be safe and well during this difficult time.

As you are probably aware, there is still much confusion and concern about plans to widen the access to school for Reception, Y1 and Y6 pupils, as well as changes in guidance for vulnerable pupils and pupils of key workers.

Alongside the national debate, Sheffield City Council have been meeting to discuss the city's response and: last night they released a statement for schools clarifying their position.

Meanwhile, we have been drawing up plans for different eventualities, considering risk assessments and consulting with other school leaders and experts about the best way forward.

I am mindful of providing sufficient information to keep you abreast of any changes whilst not overwhelming you with too much detail. Therefore, this is the first of two letters providing some information about next half term. On Friday we will share details of our risk assessment for school and also seek your views, so we can best support you in making decisions.

May Half Term Holiday

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Monday 25th May (Bank Holiday), but open for the rest of the week for vulnerable pupils and pupils of key workers only.

Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

From **1st June**, school **will continue to be open** to priority groups ([vulnerable children](#) and children of [critical workers](#)).

"Now that we have made progress in reducing the transmission of coronavirus we are encouraging all eligible children to attend - it is no longer necessary for parents of eligible children to keep them at home if they can. In particular, as per the

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existing [Supporting vulnerable children and young people during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak guidance](#), vulnerable children of all year groups continue to be expected and encouraged to attend educational provision where it is appropriate for them to do so.” (Coronavirus Covid 19 Implementing Protective Measures in Education and Childcare Settings – Gov.UK)

If you require a place for your child, please email enquiries@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Year 6 pupils

School will **not be open** for pupils in Y6 (unless they are part of the priority groups above). The earliest start date for widening our access to Y6 pupils will be Monday 8th June, but only when we are confident we have risk assessed our plans thoroughly and had these verified by the local authority.

We will continue to keep the safety of all members of our school community at the forefront of all decisions.

Finally, we hope you all enjoy the half term holiday that begins on Friday. Staff will not set work over the half term holiday but there will be some suggested fun activities available on the website.

Can I also take this opportunity to wish all families celebrating Eid al Fitr this weekend Eid Mubarak.

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