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Executive Head Teacher

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Dear Parents

As you are aware, the Government recently announced plans to phase greater numbers of children back into school from 1st June onwards. The final decision on this will depend on Covid-19 infection rates and there is a further Government announcement expected later this week on the 28th May.

In considering the phased return of children to our academy, the health and safety of your children and our staff is paramount. The decision to return your child to school is a big one and it is yours to make. There is still great uncertainty surrounding what we know about Covid-19 in particular what this means for children and staff. No penalties will be given out should you decide to keep your child at home. We will continue to provide the home learning activities through the academy website and for direct email contact to your child's class teacher. Learning in school for those children who do return will be based on these home learning activities.

I would like to give you a picture of what school life will be like as it will not be at all like school as you know it!

- One adult to drop off and collect at allocated times to a dedicated entrance gate, parents will not be allowed onto the playground area or into the academy
- Children will be in small fixed groups of no more than 6-8 pupils to allow for social distancing
- Children will be taught by a consistent member of staff for a week at a time, staff will be on a rota basis therefore this may not be their usual class teacher
- Children will have a space allocated to them that they will stay in for the majority of the day, they will have their own stationary/resources for personal use
- Break times and lunch times will be staggered with zoned outside areas to ensure groups do not mix
- School dinners will be served in disposable containers with single use cutlery/cups, in the first instance a packed lunch will be provided
- Furniture/early years areas will be removed from classrooms to allow for social distancing
- Practical equipment or shared resources will be very limited due to the risk of infection spreading
- Children must not bring anything into the academy and nothing will be sent home
- Strict hygiene routines will be in place with regular handwashing. We ask that children wear clean clothes every day.

Whilst our staff will do everything to make the experience as positive as possible, it will be a very different routine to what the children are used to. Whether you choose to keep your child at home or return them to the academy, we will support your decision and continue to provide learning activities and signposting through the website and Facebook.

We aim to re-open the Wilton site on 1st June. From that date, key worker children can attend Monday to Friday, rotas to be confirmed with the office staff 5 days in advance. Vulnerable and EHC children can also attend from 1st June, four days a week, Monday to Thursday. We anticipate that from 8th June the Year 6 children will be able to be welcomed back for a period of 3 weeks, Monday to Thursday each week. The Year 1 children anticipated return will start from 15th June and Reception from 22nd June, each group attending Monday to Thursday.

A letter will be sent later in the week to provide further information and confirm the organisational arrangements.

Yours sincerely

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