

## Email sent to all parents of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Important Information & Survey: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 Phased Return:

Dear Kilmorie Families,

I hope that you are all safe and well.

I wanted to update you further on the government's plans for the start of a phased return of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. This date will not be confirmed by the government until late May when they are sure that all the key tests have been met.

We understand that you will have many questions about how this will work; the senior leadership team are very busy making plans for how we can ensure that children and adults are as safe as possible, so please allow us time to work these arrangements out as it is a very complex matter. We want to make sure we have a definitive plan to give you before we confirm what will be happening. It is also of the utmost importance that we are transparent about how we would manage the phased return in order that you can make an informed decision about sending your child in.

The guidance about the phased return to school issued by the Department for Education (DfE) is that children should be taught in groups no larger than 15. Each school has to carry out their own risk assessment regarding this and our preference would be for groups smaller than 15 where possible. As you can imagine this will mean many rooms will be needed to accommodate these small groups. Also children may not be taught by their existing teacher and because of some staff being unable to return they may be led by a teaching assistant. We will, of course, try hard to put familiar adults with children. The children will be in 'bubbles' in the same base and with the same adults every day and this will include outdoor times and eating lunch. I think it is important to note that, although we would encourage social distancing, it would be very difficult to implement and guarantee. We would do all that we can to ensure increased hygiene and cleaning around the school.

To ensure the safety of the adults dropping off and picking up we would also have most likely staggered start and finish times for the school day, so it is highly likely that the normal school times will be changed. We are looking at before and after school wraparound care (for those who usually use it) but it would be most unlikely that we could maintain the 'bubble' approach although we would keep the children in small groups.

I am sorry that I cannot offer further detail but I wanted you to know our thinking at the moment.

To help with our planning, we would like to know how many of you are likely to send your Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 child into school if the government's plans for a phased return from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June goes ahead, and Kilmorie respond in ways as outlined above (further detail will be sent to you once our plans are confirmed - this will be dependent on a number of factors including the number of children likely to return).

Please can you all respond, by completing the survey below, no later than midday Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. I understand that as further information comes out you may change your mind.

The DfE has made it clear that families will not be penalised for not sending their children to school.

Please follow the link to complete the survey.

<https://kilmorie.wufoo.com/forms/z1j6faql0d1mo2i/>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Best Wishes

Liz

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