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Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope my letter finds you and your family fit and well.

As you will already be aware, the government have asked for the widening of schools to some identified groups in June. Since the announcement we have been busy gathering the intelligence we need and making preparations in order to carry out this request.

The first children eligible for a place in school are those of parents/ carers who are key workers and those who the government have identified as vulnerable. At St Ann's we have a total of 204 children who fall into this identified group. However in order to comply with the government protective measures, we can only accommodate 147 children returning to school.

Although we asked for parents/ carers to confirm whether they would be accepting a full time place for their child by Friday 15th May, we would like to offer parents/ carers a second opportunity to secure a place for their child as we are aware that some parents have since changed their mind (one way or another) and the information we have gathered is no longer accurate. Therefore all information gathered to date is now null and void, and all parents, even those who have not changed their mind, should complete the survey which will be issued on **Tuesday 26th May** once again. If you have more than one child you must complete the survey for each child. Any surveys not completed will be understood as a 'no' and your child will not be offered a place when school reopens.

If we have more than 147 requests for a place, unfortunately it will be necessary to decline some places, as we will not have the capacity inside the building. If we have fewer than 147 requests for a place, spare places will be offered to parents/ carers of Reception children, as per the government directive.

Unfortunately, what this means is that parents/ carers who do not accept their place in the first instance will not be able to change their mind at a later date because all places will already be taken.

As stated in my letter dated Wednesday 13th May, when school opens wider, it will be necessary for all attending pupils to attend full time and every day of the school week. Attendance will no longer be flexible as it has been since the closure in March .e.g. attend some days and not others, or arrive and leave at varying times each day. This is so that school can fulfil its safeguarding and attendance duties, comply with the government's protective measures about movement around and to and from the building, due to limited staffing capacity and because of the demand on schools to offer education rather than childcare moving forward.

Once we have the final definitive list of pupils who will be attending, a further letter will follow which will detail:

- the home group your child has been placed in (these groups will be fewer than 15 pupils)
- the staff who will lead your child's home group (this will not necessarily be group's usual class teacher)





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- the room each home group will work in (this will not necessarily be your child's current classroom)
- school start and finish time for each home group (this may vary between the home groups)
- drop off and collection arrangements for those children who are not able to walk to school on their own (time and entrance/ exit to be used by the different home groups)
- protective measures in place for pupils, staff, parents/ carers
- lunchtime arrangements
- Base provision (before and after school club)
- sickness absence procedures

Many thanks for taking the time to read this communication and co-operation. Many thanks also for the overwhelming support we have received from our families at this unprecedented time. It has been hugely valued by myself and my staff.

Kind regards

Mrs Laura Rynn
Headteacher

