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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are all safe and keeping well.

In my letter earlier this week, I shared the plans that the government laid out to map the phased reopening of schools. These plans will only go ahead if the key tests set by the Government justify the changes at that time.

Schools received the information about school reopening on Sunday evening - the same time as everyone else in the country. Since then, myself and the Senior Leadership Team have been reading and interpreting the guidance, speaking to staff and thinking about how we would keep each child and adult safe when they are on site.

We completely understand that parents and carers may be anxious, trying to make the decision whether to send their children back to school. Though we have all been advised to maintain social distance, it is recognised that social distancing among children is extremely difficult to maintain and it is not possible for children to remain 2m apart in a primary school.

The proposal we have put together, I believe, will work well for our community at Primrose Hill. In order for it to be carried out, parents & carers, staff, the local authority and unions have to be confident in what is being provided.

One of the measures we will be required to take includes limiting class sizes to no more than 15 children, as a group, and keeping that group and the adult(s) working with them as isolated as possible from the rest of the school. Schools are asked to **minimize contact** and to space out the children as much as we can. Limiting class/group sizes to 15 means we require 2 rooms for every year group.

School Reopening for EYFS, Y1 & Y6 Children Plan

This will begin with a phased return of children starting with **Reception, Y1 and Y6** children in the week after half term. We have not had further guidance as yet about all remaining year groups but have a secondary plan in place for when and if that time comes. Guidance may change as more is learned about the disease: how it spreads and affects people, as the R value changes, if the NHS reaches capacity, as effects of lockdown become apparent and any introduction of treatments and vaccines.

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The provisional start dates are:

Phase 1 - Reception, Y1 and Y6 (Beginning Thursday 4th June)

Phase 2 - Nursery Froglets (Week of 15th June)

Our model will be as follows:

Y1 and Y6 Classes to be divided into groups of 15. e.g. Butterflies 1 and Butterflies 2, Ladybirds 1, Ladybirds 2, Ladybirds 3 and Ladybirds 4 (Ladybirds physical classroom will be demarcated into two separate rooms.)

The model below shows what this would look like for Y1, but would be the same for Ladybirds and Y6 classes. This would be the same for the nursery but in three groups.

Illustrated Model - Y1

	Monday - In School	Tuesday - In School	Wednesday	Thursday - Google	Friday - Google
Butterflies	1 x 15 Group in Butterfly Classroom 1 x 15 Group in Dragonfly Classroom	1 x 15 Group in Butterfly Classroom 1 x 15 Group in Dragonfly Classroom	Wellbeing Day All children work at home	Children work on Google Classroom at home	Children work on Google Classroom at home
Dragonflies	Children work on Google Classroom at home	Children work on Google Classroom at home	Wellbeing Day All children work at home	1 x 15 Group in Butterfly Classroom 1 x 15 Group in Dragonfly Classroom	1 x 15 Group in Butterfly Classroom 1 x 15 Group in Dragonfly Classroom

Children will be in school for 2 days and there will be no breakfast or after school clubs. There will be staggered start and finish times for each year group. Lessons will not run as usual - children may not always be with their class teacher or in their usual room. We may have to alter provision depending on the availability and quantity of staff.

Therefore, while we are planning for school re-opening, there are still a number of decisions to be made and factors to consider before an actual re-opening. To be able to best plan for the children coming back we need to know how many children will be returning. **Over the weekend, I will be sending a survey link** to parents and carers to gather some information, gather numbers so we can plan accordingly and take necessary safety and hygiene measures. You will recognise the massive complexity of organising this so **please complete the survey** quickly so we can plan.

Risk is a continuum - the aim is to reduce it as much as possible. The SLT have begun doing a comprehensive risk assessment for the school which includes removing equipment from classrooms, reducing contact and mixing, enhanced cleaning, the use of PPA, maintaining social distance, considering staggered start times, break times, lunch times and finish times, if children becoming unwell on site, testing protocol, and additional

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support for wellbeing and mental health. Further information from Camden & Islington Public Health related to H&S will follow next week.

For existing vulnerable children and children of key workers, the in-school provision will continue; these children would simply join their EYFS, Y1 or Y6 cohorts and we continue to run separate in-school classrooms for children in Y2 - Y5.

Thank you as always for your support. I am sure you will have lots of questions, but we will answer these over the course of the next few weeks. I will of course keep you fully updated as things develop.

Stay safe all of you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Warren".

Robin Warren

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