

Dear parents and Carers,

### **Planning for Wider Opening 19.05.20**

Last week I wrote to update you on the government's latest proposals for the wider reopening of schools

In order to assist with our planning and make adequate preparations for those who may be able to return, I would appreciate it if you would take part in the survey below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/t6planning>

I would like to remind you of the significant points I raised in my letter of 11.05 20

1. School cannot operate in the way it did prior to COVID-19. Student groupings, timetables, and the range of subjects taught will all look different in this new phase.
2. Many students are likely to find these changes create increased anxiety as the usual routines will have changed. We will need to have the appropriate resources to help students with their anxieties.
3. The practicalities of implementing social distancing measures will mean the numbers of students we have in each class will have to be reduced, movement around the school and contact with other students and staff will be minimised and the majority of lessons will be taught in one room.
4. Due to the far fewer number of staff available to come into school and the size of our classrooms we are likely to be operating at the Great Chart site only.
5. Every member of the school community (staff, parents and students) has a responsibility to conduct themselves in a way which minimises any health risk to others
6. If parents prefer to keep their children at home we will continue to provide educational and emotional support and set work for them to complete at home. We will not be seeking to prosecute parents who choose to keep their children at home at this time.
7. When the time comes, in order to safely reintroduce more students back into school, we will need to look at students' individual risk assessments, their ability to follow instructions and social distancing rules in school and any risk they may pose to others due to their anxiety or impulsivity.

**I would be grateful if you could complete this survey by noon on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

Due to the need to keep everyone as safe as possible and maintain social distancing, I must be clear that we will not be offering many places in school and I am currently unable to set

a date for this to commence. My paramount concern is that we move towards increasing our numbers very gradually and safely in order to protect the whole school community of students, their families and staff.

Thank you for your continued support in this difficult time.

Best wishes

Charlotte