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Dear Parent/ Carers,

I am writing to you to further outline how I intend to move forwards with the government proposals to begin to open schools. Firstly, I must emphasise that this is still a plan and I will only be moving forward as and when it is safe to do so.

Thank you to everyone that completed the questionnaire that I sent out last week. Your swift responses were appreciated and have allowed me to make a provisional plan for next term.

Term 6 begins on **Monday 1st June**. During this week, I will only be welcoming back our **key worker and vulnerable children**. The hours for this provision will be 8:00- 3:30 pm and drop off / pick up will be via the side of the school to the Year 4 classrooms. I have written to these families detailing these arrangements already.

The next dates are **provisional** and I will only proceed with the following arrangements if and when circumstances allow:

On Monday 8th June (at the earliest), I will look to welcome Year 6 children back. During this week the Year 6 children will come in for one 2.5 hour session. This will be a transition session and allow the children to meet their 'new' teachers and learn our expectations.

On Monday 15th June (at the earliest), the Year 6 children will start their new timetables. The children will be in school for 5 hours a day. These times will be staggered to avoid too many children arriving and leaving at the same time. Groups will be no larger than 12 children and these groups will be assigned to 2 teachers and 2 teaching assistants across the day. We will use classrooms in Year 3, 5 and 6. Your child will be placed in a group with other members of their class. I cannot guarantee that children will be grouped with all of their friends and I cannot guarantee which teachers they will have. There is no movement allowed between these groups.

I must stress the following:

- This will not be 'normal' school. Contact for your child will be restricted to the group they are placed in
- Attendance is at the discretion of parents but I must ask that if you commit to coming to school you do so every day unless your child is ill – this allows for consistency in teaching and learning
- The curriculum at school will consist of English, Maths and PSHE
- Children must follow our expectations (I will send out a 'safety' video showing the guidelines the children need to adhere to). Please ensure you watch this with you child/ren
- There will be no breakfast club or after school clubs
- We will be far more cautious regarding children feeling unwell
- Parents/carers must observe the correct timings to drop off and collect their children
- Parents/ carers must also follow social distancing rules

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- Parents/carers will not be allowed into the school building. Any contact with staff will need to be made via email or telephone
- If you have put **no or maybe** to your child attending school we will require **one week's notice** for them to return

Once again, I need to stress that these dates are all provisional. During the week beginning 1st June, I will write to you again, detailing the exact timings for your child.

Below is a list of answers to the **frequently asked questions** you sent on your questionnaires.

- There will be Key Worker children in as well as Year 6 children
- The start of the day, break, lunch and end of the day will all be staggered timings
- We will not be making the children complete any SAT papers or assessments
- There will be PPE provided for staff if they wish to use it
- Staff carrying out first aid, will be wearing PPE
- The school will be deep cleaned daily
- All classrooms will have their own set of cleaning materials so they can clean anything needed throughout the day
- Children will have a basic set of equipment- this cannot be shared
- Key worker children will be kept separate from Year 6 children
- The corridors have been marked with tape showing the distance of 2m all around the school
- Tables have been separated 2m apart and children will sit one child per table
- All staff and children will have their temperature taken at the start of the day
- If your child is not attending school, online learning will still be provided
- We have no plans, at present, to open up for other year groups
- If you have any questions, you will be able to email your child's 'new' teacher
- If you would like your child to wear PPE, please provide it and they are more than welcome to wear it
- Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed in the school building
- Children will need to bring a packed lunch into school in a disposable bag so that it can be thrown after lunch to avoid the transfer of germs
- Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms or outside, weather permitting

I fully appreciate the difficult decision you are all facing at the moment. We will do everything possible to support our Upton families and make the experience of children returning as child-friendly as possible. We must adhere to safety measures, but will always look to see things from a child's point of view.

Thank you all for your messages of support. Even at the hardest of times, we remain strong as an Upton family and continue to work in collaboration. We will continue to get through this period of uncertainty together, as Team Upton.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to email me (headofschool@uptonjunior.com).

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Arthur

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