Upton Junior School



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely half term with your family and are all keeping safe and well.

As you are all aware, we have started the phased return of our Year 6 children. During this time, our children will complete their transition curriculum and ensure they are ready to move on to the next stage of their education.

With this in mind, I feel it is equally important for every year group to have the opportunity to also have time in school during Term 6. This provision will also follow the strict social distancing criteria we have in place. Every child will be scheduled some time to allow them to end the academic year and have the chance to say goodbye to some of their friends and teachers.

Upton will reopen its doors to all the children with the following in mind:

- Year 6 children will begin to integrate back to school during Term 6.
- Year 6 provision will end on Friday 26th June.
- From Monday 29th June we will begin to integrate other year groups back.
- We will be enforcing the 2m social distancing rule with the children as much as possible.
- The children will be in a group with up to 10 other children from their class.
- To minimise the threat of the virus spreading, the children will not be able to socialise with other children from different groups but will remain within their 'group' for the duration of their time at school.
- The children will be seated on an individual table throughout their sessions.
- Arrival and departure from school will be staggered with a shorter school day.
- Children will be expected to wear a set of clean home clothes to each session to minimise contamination.
- One to one support will not be possible.
- Parents/ carers will not be allowed into the school. All communication will need to be via telephone or email.
- Children will need to be dropped off and collected by an adult at the end of their session.
- There will not be any extra-curricular activities taking place this includes Breakfast club or After-School Club

I understand opinion will be mixed and I am not expecting everyone to agree with our decisions, but please understand, we have made them for the **safety and wellbeing of all concerned**.

In order to assist with further planning for the potential reopening, I ask **if you are a parent of a Year 3, 4 or 5 child** that you complete the Key Survey form below by <u>Friday 5th June</u>. The survey simply asks you to let us know whether you are planning on sending your child back to school. Having a guide to the number of children likely to return will enable us to organise groupings and set up appropriate learning environments.

Please note: your response on the survey is not a final commitment and we appreciate you may still be undecided at this moment (there is a 'maybe' box for you to select).

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To access the Parent Survey please <u>click here</u> (it has also been sent via MCAS on a separate link)

I would like to reiterate that the decision over your child returning at any time is 100% your choice and we will fully support your decision.

We hope that by inviting all of our Upton children back in allows them to have positive memories and experiences of this year, before returning in September.

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Arthur