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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

As you are aware the Government announced their intention to re-admit pupils in F1, F2, Yr 1 and Yr6 from (not on) June 1st. Enclosed is the latest information regarding the proposed expanded provision at BSM. I'm not going to say re-opening because we never actually closed!

Please note, everything below is presently just a statement of intent and is a draft – it could change! To be honest things are changing on what seems like a daily basis at the moment.

- We are closed for half-term next week so staff will be back in school risk assessing the building and making final preparations from 1st June.
- We are planning to invite Year 6 back on Thursday 4th June for normal school hours 8.45am-3.15pm. Please let us know if you have changed your mind about attending as staffing levels have been set for the number of pupils we are expecting.
- For Year 6, this is likely to be limited to a 4 week transition block, not the entire Summer Term. This is currently the agreed intention in all Transform schools. They would then return to home learning.
- A date for the possible return of F1, F2 and year 1 hasn't been set.
- Provision for children of Key Workers not in those year groups will continue and will remain a priority. The definition of a Key Worker has not changed – see DfE guidance or ring the school if unclear.
- School will be closed every Wednesday, except for children of Key Workers and vulnerable pupils, for a thorough clean. This is the agreed intention in all Transform schools.
- We will not be implementing attendance protocols for those who choose not to send their child(ren) in. Nottingham City Council support this stance. Transform Trust are very clear about this too. We will not be issuing fines or making referrals to Educational Welfare.
- The Government guidance is for groups of 15 children in school. Transform Trust schools have decided to keep to smaller numbers than this to reduce the risk of cross-infection.
- At BSM we have measured each classroom and know how many pupils (the target being a 2m distance) we can admit – numbers in each room will not exceed this.
- Each group will have at least 2 dedicated members of staff who remain with them throughout, to reduce the number of different interactions.
- It might not be possible for a child to be with their 'normal' teacher.
- Each group will have its own resources. They will not be shared.
- Groups will not mix – they will be isolated as far as possible.
- Hand-washing will be prioritised and supervised.
- All children attending can order a school lunch (free only to Free School Meal pupils) – which will be a grab bag, or they can bring their own packed lunch.
- All children attending will need to bring a labelled water bottle, which will remain here and be kept within their group's space.

- We are happy for children not to wear their school uniform – we appreciate they may have outgrown it and it may be tricky to wash every day. Please ensure appropriate clothing is worn though.
- The Behaviour Policy will be reviewed to include provision to withdraw the offer of a place to children who deliberately and repeatedly break social distancing or cause other unnecessary risk to others. This will be managed in an age appropriate way
- Parents/carers will be expected to report any illness or Covid-19 symptoms in their household and follow the existing guidance on self-isolation.
- Children showing Covid-19 symptoms in school will be immediately isolated and sent home.
- The start and end of the school day may be staggered to reduce numbers on-site. Further detail will follow as we admit other year groups.
- No parents will be allowed into the school building and we ask them to maintain social distancing in and around the school site.

I'll let year 6 parents know any further arrangements when we are back after half-term.

As I've said frequently, the safety of all pupils, staff and the community is my priority. Nothing I've written above fills me with joy. We are having to put many measures in place that have been laid out by the Government.

Thank you for your on-going support during this difficult time. I hope it is all over as soon as possible and we can welcome you all back to normality.

Take care,

Miss Godfrey
Headteacher