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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have heard and seen in the media that schools may start the process of re-opening (not that we have actually been closed!) to pupils in Reception, Year 1, and Year 6 from June 1st. The messaging has implied that all children in these year groups will be in school from that date. **This will not be the case.** At Rolls Crescent, and in many schools in Manchester, we will work on a cohort by cohort basis, starting with **Year 1**. We have sent out a survey to you and we need our Year 1, Year 6 and Reception parents to complete it and send it back by the end of **Wednesday 20th May 2020**. Having an idea of numbers will help us in planning a staged approach. We would like to share with you our plans so far.

We hope to have Year 1 children back in school from June 2nd. We are endeavouring to reduce the residual risk of infection spreading but we know that we cannot eliminate it completely. Measures we will take will include- but are not limited to – the following.

- We will send timings of attendance in due course and will work around key worker/vulnerable childcare provision so that the numbers of people arriving on site at any one time are kept low.
- Teachers will be working on Fridays but will use the time for class planning, preparation and assessment, in addition to planning home learning and keeping in touch with children whose parents/ carers do not wish them to return. Therefore school will not be open for additional pupils on Fridays.
- The children will be taught in groups of no more than 15 as per the government's own advice. They will remain in the same room for all lessons with the same teacher, all week. In effect this creates a restricted 'bubble' and if one of the group were to contract coronavirus, all members of that same group would be required to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Children will have a personal supply of stationary so that they don't have to share resources with others.
- Classrooms and toilet areas will be cleaned each lunchtime in readiness for the afternoon session, and again at the end of each day when children and staff have left.
- Classrooms will have plentiful supplies of sanitiser and tissues.
- Lunchtimes will be staggered and children will eat in their classroom pod.
- Ensuring social distancing during playtimes will be difficult but we will remind children about it at regular intervals and will have separate playtimes for each group.
- Parents/ carers will not be able to enter the school site to reduce the amount of adult to adult contact.

We will monitor how all this works and then introduce another year group. We will be in touch with information regarding the next year group in the week beginning the 1st June.

We are desperate to have the children back in school but their return needs to be managed as safely as possible and we believe that a staged approach is needed.



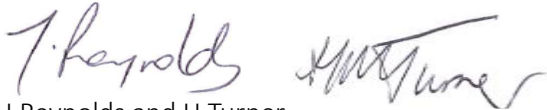
Thank you to all of you with children in Y1, Y6 and Reception who have completed our survey. If you have a child in one of these year groups and haven't completed the survey please do this as soon as you can. We will send this survey to more year groups in the coming weeks.

Here is the link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=itOikNbBAECYQOfjFolrR11FjpDM2b5HjDJaPQAXDOIUMINXRjJFNkhLN0RER0NGSzNON0E2TUJJSi4u>

We look forward to seeing you all as soon as it is safe to do so and until then hope all our families stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signatures of J Reynolds and H Turner in black ink.

J Reynolds and H Turner
(Heads of School)