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RE: Corona Virus update advice from Government and Local Authority

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Arrangements for partial return to school from 1st June 2020

Firstly, I hope that you and your family are all well and I would like to thank you all for your support and kind words during this difficult time. We are now about to enter a potentially unsettling period as we start to reopen the school for some year groups from the 1st June.

Following my discussions with parents last week, I can confirm that we have five Year 1 and potentially two Year 6 children returning on the 1st June. This has made the task of reopening easier in terms of planning for the day-day practicalities, so again, I would like to thank parents for their support.

I have now consulted with staff and governors, followed the guidance provided by Cumbria County Council and reviewed organisational arrangements. Our over-arching priority is to make our learning environment as safe as possible and to reduce risk of infection. In doing so, we have had to make decisions which both children, staff and parents could find unsettling. In order to reduce anxiety, it would be helpful if parents could start talking to children about some of the changes highlighted below in order to prepare them.

The key changes are:

- To reduce the number of adults on site, all parents will be asked to drop children at the main gate where I will be waiting to welcome you. We are asking Year 1 to drop off at 9am and Year 6 at 9.15am. Parents are asked not to loiter at the gate.
- Pick-up time will be at 3pm from the main gate for Year 1 and 3.15pm for Year 6. These staggered times will support our ability to socially distance.
- Children are asked not to bring bags or any other items into school (such as toys/ sweets). They can wear their school uniform (or Year 6 hoodies!) but will not need PE kits. No book bags will be required.
- We are asking children to bring their own packed lunch. If this is not possible, let us know by emailing office@ireby.cumbria.sch.uk and we will provide a packed lunch.
- We will be reducing the space used in order to ensure we keep end of day cleaning to a minimum. Therefore, all children will be using the main part of the building during the day. Year 1 will be in one class and Year 6 in their usual class. This will mean that we can keep Mrs Errington's class closed as well as the canteen and library space.
- There will be a need to continue our Home Learning provision via our school website as most children will still be learning from home. Therefore, we have decided to place staff



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on a rota to give them time to prepare resources. There will always be two staff in school, but they may not be your child's usual teacher.

- Learning in school will reflect that which is placed on our school website. This ensures all children receive the same provision.
- Staff may be wearing facemasks and protective equipment.
- Playtimes will be staggered and children taught to social distance. Year 1 and Year 6 may use different play areas.
- Each morning we will carry out an assessment for the children attending. This will include asking parents if those who live in the household are feeling well. We will reserve the right to stop a child entering the school if you are concerned about Covid or flu like symptoms.
- We will be asking the whole community of Ireby not to use our school grounds outside of school hours in order to keep it as safe as possible for our children.

All of these arrangements will be subject to change as we continue to monitor the national and local picture. Again, I thank you for your support during this period. If you require further information please don't hesitate to contact me. If you use the office@ireby.cumbria.sch.uk email address it will come through to me, otherwise we will see the Year 1 and Year 6 children on the 1st June!

Take care and stay safe

Kind regards

Michael John

Head teacher