

# Cheapside C. of E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Returning to School for Phase 2

We hope that you and your families are safe and well.

We are pleased to say that Phase 1 of our return to school plan has been very successful. Following a rigorous review of our procedures we are delighted to say that we can now offer all children the opportunity to spend some time in school in a safe way, before the end of term, to reconnect with their friends and the staff.

We would therefore like to update you on our plans for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 to join us in school for a 2-week block from the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. We ask that you look in some detail at the School Reopening Plan for Phase 2, which takes you through the general principles of how we intend to reopen the school to these year groups. It also has a section of FAQs that we have put together in order to be as comprehensive and transparent about what it will look like for families. The school continues to be open on a full-time basis for our Key Workers and vulnerable children. We also have children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 attending for 2 days per week.

As all parents/carers and staff realise, complete social distancing for young children is virtually impossible. The Government guidance says, 'We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff'. We have therefore incorporated this in our planning measures which we believe are realistic and workable whilst designed to help keep us all as safe as possible. Everything we have introduced has been based around the Risk Assessments from RBWM and these which will continue to be monitored and reviewed on a daily basis and guided by any changing government or Local Authority guidance. **Part of our decision to reopen to all year groups relies on you as Parents and Carers to commit to the points laid out in our updated home school agreement.**

Please remember that children who have been asked to shield or have underlying health conditions, or who are living with a shielded other person, should not return

to school at this time but continue with the Home Learning that we will still be providing.

Finally, it is **your** choice to send your child back to school, so please consider all the points in our plan before making your final decision. The safety of your child is paramount and you must feel comfortable with the decision you make.

Yours sincerely

Kate Searle, Claire Summers and Clare Roberts  
**Senior Leadership Team**

### *Working Together*

*The Ascot School Cluster have been working hard over recent weeks to make careful and safe plans for the phased reopening of our schools. Whilst all our schools are unique and different, we share a collective desire to serve our school communities in a safe way; meeting the social and emotional needs of all our pupils coupled with delivering an appropriate education. We are, as a cluster of schools, supportive in each other's efforts as a connected community to do what is right and safe.*

