



Ashley Junior School

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13th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 6,

You will be aware of the Government's intention to allow children in year 6 back to school, if the conditions allow, from the 1st June. Such a return is complex and quite a logistical challenge if we are to ensure that all members of the school community are safe and risk is reduced as much as possible.

Could you please help us in our planning? We would like to know by **Friday 15th May at 9:00am** at the latest whether you would want your child to return to school if we open. The number of children we can expect will affect the numbers of staff, rooms and equipment required so is essential to our preparations.

Before you make your decision we think it is important to point out the following:

School will not be the same as it was before the lockdown.

- Social distancing will be, as strictly as possible, imposed. This will impact on teaching methods and socialisation.
- Children will be based in small groups (maximum 10) and will stay in those groups for all learning, exercise and lunch.
- Groups will stay in one room for all lessons and have the same members of staff to support. This is so we can isolate if incidents of the virus occur.
- Groups will have staggered exercise and lunch breaks to ensure social distancing.
- Groups will have staggered start and finish times.
- All children will have their temperature taken on entry.
- Each room will be deep cleaned at the end of every day and hand washing will be regular and, as far as possible, supervised.
- Children will be restricted to specific areas so we can manage the cleaning regime.
- The DfE have stated that parents will not be fined at the moment for non-attendance but are encouraging parents to send their children.

We will, of course, provide significantly more detail when we have developed our plan fully. **Your decision is not binding** – we are simply trying to ascertain approximate numbers so we can be best prepared.

Please contact the school office by Friday 15th May at 9:00am:

adminoffice@ajs.hants.sch.uk or telephone 01425 616510.

We need your child's name and whether or not you would want your child to return if we open. **Thank you for your support.**

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth Ward (Chair of Governors)

Ian Rix (Headteacher)