

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well, and that you enjoyed the half-term break from home learning.

As you will know, the government is allowing schools to reopen to some children from this week. Staff, governors and I have been spending a great deal of time working through the complex logistics of Cartmel's reopening, and I am pleased to share more detail of our plans for this half-term.

We propose welcoming children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back gradually. At first, this means we will open from Mondays to Thursdays inclusive, with the school closed on Fridays for deep cleaning. We are unable to offer Breakfast or After School Clubs at this time. Our initial arrangements will be as follows.

### **Children of key workers**

For the rest of this week, provision for the children of key workers remains open at Lindale Hub. From next **Monday (8 June)** these children will be able to join us at Cartmel, from 8.45am to 3pm from Mondays to Thursdays inclusive. Please tell the school office of planned attendance by the Wednesday of the preceding week and remember your child should only attend when you are at work.

### **Children in Year 6**

From next **Wednesday (10 June)**, we will invite Year 6 children to return to school, to be looked after by Mr Dunstan and Miss Lace. From then on we will welcome them every day from 9am to 3.15pm from Mondays to Thursdays inclusive.

### **Children in Reception and Year 1**

From **Monday (15 June)**, we will start to invite Reception and Year 1 children back to school, to be looked after by Mrs Walker, Miss Taylor-Crozier and Mrs Bowden. We will welcome Year 1 children on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Reception children on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 8.45am to 3pm. We will see how these arrangements work, with a view to increasing provision for Reception and Year 1 children from Monday 22 June.

### **Other children**

At this stage we are unable to set dates for children in other year groups to return to school. We will continue to monitor government guidance and plan our own arrangements, and look forward to welcoming all children back whenever it is possible. Home learning for these groups will continue.

You will appreciate that the school environment will be very different to normal for some time. I will be back in touch later this week to explain practical arrangements for matters including classrooms, drop-offs, meals, dress and much more. Of course, there is no obligation for any child to return to school at this stage, and you may keep yours at home for the time being if you wish.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work in making it possible for Cartmel to reopen. As always, plans will be led by the safety of staff, children and parents, and we know you will understand the need for flexibility and short-notice changes. Our arrangements are also based on the number of children we expect to see in school following our survey of parents' intentions, so will also be subject to attendance levels.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our arrangements at this stage.

With best wishes,

Mrs Battersby