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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe. We have been working in response to the Cheshire East's announcement on 20th May for a phased reopening of schools from 15th June 2020.

The guidance we are working with for special schools which is understandably different from mainstream schools is **'Special Schools will work towards a phased return of children without a specific focus on year groups' this is unlikely to be Primary aged children.** This is due to the inability to ensure safe social distancing between children and staff.

We have been working hard to ensure a safe plan for children to return to school. Our plan based on key transition groups will be as follows **(all pupils will be risk assessed and only be in school where we feel it is safe to do so):**

Week beginning 15 th June	Pupils Leaving School in July 2020 (Where it is safe to do so)
Week beginning 22 nd June	Pupils in Year 11 and 12 (Where it is safe to do so)
Week beginning 29 th June	Pupils in Secondary department on a rota basis as follows:

Monday	3NA
Tuesday	3MW
Wednesday	3AO
Thursday	3LC
Friday	4AJ

If these stages of re-opening the school are successful, and the government continues to meet the 5 tests we would look to offer **Primary children a transition day in school ready for September.**

School will close on Friday 17th July as was planned for the summer holiday.



The plan will enable us to ensure we can follow social distancing measures as best we can with the use of 2 or 3 classrooms per group. School has had to be risk assessed in some detail to ensure we remain safe for pupils and staff.

Pupils coming into school will be working within bubbles of pupils and staff to reduce contamination. Rooms are free of soft furnishings and toys that can't be wiped down and a rigorous cleaning regime is in place.

Further details for pupils returning to school will be sent in due course once places have been accepted. We will be sending a survey today to parents through text to let us know if you require your child to return to school. It is important that this is completed.

Please remember it is parental choice and there will be no pressure for your child to return if you do not wish them to. Once we have the data of who will be returning, we will write out to you and share with you how pupils will be kept safe.

We will still be providing care for the following pupils who fall into these categories until we close for summer:

- **A parent as a Key Worker (This will be when the parent / parents are working - not a full-time provision)**
- **A child with a Social Worker who is at risk of a family breakdown.**

We will continue to offer **distance learning for every child**. This will involve a weekly planner of activities, online sessions where possible and a personal phone call / email from your class teacher. I am available to be contacted at any time through e-mail or by leaving a voice mail on the school answerphone.

If you have any immediate concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me

Governors, leaders and staff would like to thank all our families for their support, messages of goodwill and positive feedback from the work and online sessions being delivered. It has made a very difficult time so much easier.

Stay safe, hopefully see you soon

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