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Dear Year 6 Parents,

Re: Possible Re-opening for Year 6 Children

Thank-you to you all for returning your surveys to us last week, providing us with an indication of whether you are considering choosing to send your child to school, should the government confirm that schools re-open for year 6 children during the week commencing 1st June. Understandably, quite a few of you are still unsure of your decision, and I thought that it may help you to have a little more clarity on what the day will look and feel like in school, and the routines that will be in place – these are in line with the guidance from the DfE.

Where you have indicated that you intend to send your child back to school, they will be assigned a group (called a bubble) with no more than 15 children and 2 adults. There may be less than 15 children – depending on overall numbers returning. Adults working with a group will stay the same (as much as possible), and will not mix with other groups of children.

Each group of children will have a different start time, and they will need to be brought to school for this time by one parent, and wait in line (at a distance of 2m) at the playground gate on the roundabout. A member of staff will then greet the children, and control the access to the school site. Parents will need to leave the site through the opposite playground gate. The playground will not be open before school or after school.

Bikes and scooters should not be brought to school – there will be no storage available for them. The roundabout will be closed to traffic.

On arrival in their allocated classroom / group (which will stay the same), they will be seated apart from each other. We will not be using lockers, and children should come straight into class. They should not bring anything with them into school, other than a water bottle and their lunch. They will sit at the same place every time, and have their own personal equipment – in a pencil case, with a deep tray under their table to keep their belongings in. When it is their day for PE, they will need to come to school in their PE kit.

A morning break will be built into the day – and this will be at a different time / space to other groups. Lunchtime will also be built into the day – and we are planning for staggered use of the hall and different times / space outside.



The school day for each of the groups will finish at different times – groups will be taken outside ready for collection, and parents will need to queue at the roundabout gate – where a member of staff will ask the teacher to send your child over for collection. Parents and children will then leave through the opposite gate.

On a Friday, the school day will end earlier, at the end of the morning session, so that teachers have time to plan and prepare for the week ahead (a legal requirement). The same procedure for collection will take place and groups will be given different collection times.

Throughout the day, we will be ensuring that regular hand-washing takes place, and we are organising our cleaning team so that cleaning takes place at different times throughout the school day, including increased cleaning of bannisters, door handles, taps and toilets.

We are already liaising with the secondary schools with regards to transition, ensuring they have the information they need to be ready for your child joining them in September. We do not believe that taster days will take place at this stage – so please be prepared for this.

Should you decide for your child to return, they will be expected to attend each day.

Should you decide that you are still unsure and wish to wait a bit longer, that's fine. However, if you then decide you want them to start coming to school, you will need to ring the school office for us to arrange their place (this would not start until the following week).

Should you decide that school would not be the same, or the right place for your child at this time, that's fine too. Cambridgeshire County Council have confirmed they will not fine any family that decides not to send their child to school during the Summer term.

Unfortunately, this will not be the end to your child's four years at Priory Junior School that we would have planned for them. School will not feel the same, and it will be vitally important that your child is prepared for this. We have created a video which is on our website (under Classes) for you and your child to watch. We hope this will help you both decide and prepare your child.

Of course, we know that many of you may have no choice but to send your child to school at this time, and we will do our very best to make sure they are happy during their time with us.

Over this coming week, we will be making contact with each and every one of you – to discuss any concerns and confirm your decision – we will try to do this through video links if we can. We hope you will find this helpful, and will be a good opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe

