

Armitage C.E. and All Saints Primary School

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Re: Update on Phased Re-opening – Armitage CE and All Saints Primary School

Dear Families of Armitage and All Saints,

After speaking to a number of you and listening to your responses to the planned phased reopening and taking into account wider school community views and the regional context, I have made the decision to delay the school opening to Monday 15th June.

Our updated plans are as follows:

- **Week beginning 15**th **June**: <u>Only</u> Year 6 children from Armitage and All Saints to return to school. This will be at the Armitage site for both schools.
- Week beginning 22nd June: Year 6 as above. Year 1 children from Armitage and All Saints will return to school on <u>Tuesday 23rd June from 9:30 until 11:30 only</u> for this week. This will enable us to prepare more fully for the full return of Year 1 the following week. This will be at the Armitage site for both schools.
- Week beginning 29th June: Year 6 as above and Year 1 children return. This will be at the Armitage site for both schools.
- Week beginning 6th July: Provisional plan to reopen both school sites from this date, with children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 all attending their own school sites. Please note, that this is provisional and will only take place if staffing and our risk assessment will allow this.

Year Six:

These arrangements will be for Monday to Thursday **only.** The school day will start at 10am and finish at 2.30pm on each of these days.

Year One:

These arrangements will be for Monday to Thursday only from 29th June. The school day will start at 9:30am and will finish at 11:30 am on each of these days. Year One will be following a more formal curriculum and as such, we have made the decision to reduce the hours to two hours a day to support this approach. Please note, Year One will also return to school on Tuesday 23rd June – see above.

Other Year Groups:

The Government has advised that children of all Primary year groups should, if safe to do so, spend some time back at school before the Summer Holidays begin on July 17th. Plans for the return of children in all other year groups are currently being reviewed and will be shared as and when possible.



Key Worker Group:

Only key worker children will be able to attend school (as has been happening currently) on a Friday. The school day for children of keyworkers will continue to be 9am-3.30pm, every weekday. This is to ensure that we can facilitate a deep clean of the school every Friday – in addition to this happening on a daily basis during the week.

If your child is attending a key worker group, they will not be able to move into their class group. Families will need to make a decision as which group they would like their child/ren to attend.

Lunch Arrangements:

If you are eligible for free school meals, you will continue to receive a voucher through either All Saints or Armitage Administration Teams, however, please read the following for Year Six, Year One, Reception and Nursery.

Year Six – Free school meal vouchers will be provided for the Friday only if your child/ren are attending school. Please contact All Saints or Armitage Administration Teams by email if you have made a decision to not send your child/ren to school and the full cost of the voucher will be sent. Notification of this must be made by Friday 12th June.

Year One, Reception and Nursery – vouchers will continue at this point. We will contact Year One families with further details when we have a updated information with regards to numbers of pupils attending school.

Safety within the school site:

- Limiting class sizes (no more than 12 children in each learning space);
- Where possible with young children, implementing social distancing of 2 metres;
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times;
- Asking families to use designated entrance and exits to and from the school site;
- Visiting the School Office and members of staff by appointment only:
- Increased cleaning of the school site and resources used on a daily basis;
- Keeping pupils and staff with any symptoms of coronavirus at home.

Our risk assessment will be uploaded onto both school websites for further information.

More details regarding the safety information above – i.e. entry and exit points to the school site, groups children will be working in etc will be provided during the week beginning June 8th to our Year Six families. Additional information for Year One families will be provided week beginning 15th June.

Please discuss with a member of staff if you have any concerns about your child returning to school. We have already shared with you the criteria provided by the Government for clinically extremely vulnerable, or clinically vulnerable. If you have any doubt at all as to whether a member of your family falls into one of these categories, please contact a member of staff or email – addresses provided below.

As mentioned previously, I want to reassure you that we will not be pressuring parents to send their children to school – you are best placed to understand your child's health and wellbeing. Our utmost concern, as well as ensuring that we deliver an outstanding education for the children in our schools, is for the health, safety and well-being of everyone in our school communities.

Please be reminded that in the meantime, our schools are still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact one of the following:

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Kind regards,

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