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Dear Parent/Carer,

June 1st – Updated Plan

Now that we have confirmed numbers (Thank you for responses) of the children returning from June 1st, in YR, YR1, Y6 and those of key workers as listed by the Government, I am able to provide you with this updated plan. Again, depending upon any Government updates, this plan and scheduled return is subject to change. The Government has said it will only make a final decision regarding whether primary schools should begin reopening to early years, reception, year one and year six on *May 28th*. For now, we are working on the basis this will occur and we are ready to welcome a reduced number of children into a safe and caring environment. I would like to thank the staff for ensuring the provision if ready. At all times our top priority remains the safety of pupils, their families and school staff and this will remain the case throughout the next term.

However, I would like to repeat that no environment is, or can be, entirely without risk. If, based on new information, you have again changed your mind about sending your child back to school, please email head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk. Please be reassured you are welcome to keep them at home and the government guidance clearly states parents will not be fined if they do not send their children to school. Please also be reassured that if we feel we are facing an unacceptable level of risk in some aspects of our operation in school, we will take a different course of action until a solution can be found. Potentially, this could involve closing a space and minimising numbers attending for example. Therefore, please be mindful that plans can easily change on a daily basis. If this is the case I will endeavour to inform you as soon as possible via Parentmail, Twitter and the school website home page/banner. As I wrote previously, it is important you understand that your child's experience at school will not be the same as it was before the lockdown when they return. It is likely, for example, that some of the things on the list below will be the case:

1. Some staff will be absent, perhaps because they are unwell or have family members at home who are being shielded.
2. Your child may not be taught by their usual teacher.
3. Your child may not be taught in their usual classroom environment with usual resources.
4. The curriculum taught in the school will be limited compared to normal (We will follow the current home planners where appropriate)
5. Some areas of the school site will not be accessible, and routines will be different, to promote 'social distancing' and to ensure the highest levels of personal hygiene.
6. The ways in which we support pupils with SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disabilities) may change.
7. Staff will not be able to maintain the same level of home learning provision.

If you haven't already done so, please explain some of these changes to your child/ren before June 1st and please reiterate the need for regular hand washing before, during and after school. All spaces will have a hand sanitising table for children to use on entry and as they leave. We will also be asking that parent/carers socially distance upon drop off/collection so will need your full support at these times and adherence to the timings for example. Please

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ensure that only one parent/carer comes into the school grounds at these times. There will be no access into your child's classroom or into school until further notice. **Home learning planners will continue to be sent for your use. Staff in school will teach from them also but we would ask that children continue to complete their MyMaths and other work where this has not been possible in school due to not sharing IT resources. There is NO requirement to send a piece of written work into the class teacher if your child is in school.**

Please refer to the plan below that will be in use from June 1st. It is important that timings and access to school are adhered to in the interest of health and safety etc. Please **DO** socially distance at drop off/collection. If your child is in EYFS they will access the Willow gate (From school carpark). Please be aware that no parking is available so you will need to park elsewhere. Where possible, we would encourage walking to school. If your child is in Y6 they will access the gate via the playing field. Again, no parking is available in the school car park. If you have children accessing different entrances please drop off one child then walk around to the other entrance etc. Gates will be opened in readiness for the timings below.

Group	No	Space	Staff	Access/collection	Timings
EYFS (YR)	8	Ash Classroom	Mrs Delo, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs McPhee	Via Carpark/Willow gate	Drop Off - 09:00 Collect - 14:45
Y1	5	Oak Classroom	Miss Hurn, Mrs Baker	Via Mill Rd gate	Drop Off - 09:00 Collect - 14:45
Y6	14	School Hall	Miss Moseley, Mrs George, Mr Stafford	Via Playing field gate	08:45 – 15:00
Key Worker	tbc	Beech Classroom	Miss Paterson, Mrs Jones	Via Mill Rd gate	08:45 – 15:00

This draft plan is subject to change. Where numbers exceed 15, alternative provision/plan will be provided. Please do not hesitate to email me to ask any questions that you may have. The news that I am receiving can change daily and as always, I will endeavour to keep you informed.

If your child/ren are attending the key worker provision, please note that due to the mixed ages, it is more than likely the children will not receive the reduced learning that others are having or that your child/ren are having at home. It is possible that at times during the week, the children will have opportunities to complete some of their home learning. An expectation will remain that home learning is supported at home.

You will now have received mail regarding lunches. If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch, you will need to place the order by midnight on the Wednesday. You are more than welcome to send your child with a packed lunch, drink and snack also. Lunchboxes/bottles must be taken home daily and washed thoroughly. Please be reminded that we are a NUT FREE school.

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After much consideration, and for a number of reasons, it has been decided that it is **NOT** compulsory for your child to wear uniform. However, your child is more than welcome to wear uniform if that is your choice. It is hoped that with good weather, the children will spend time outdoors and therefore should wear appropriate clothing and footwear (**NO** football kits/sandals/flip flops). PE Kit is not needed, unless your child is wearing uniform.

As always, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Scott (Headteacher)