



## **DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am now writing to confirm our intention to re-open school provision on our Dunnington site.

Following consultation with staff and having carefully considered further advice received from professional bodies, Public Health and NYCC Health & Safety we have revised the details of our plan and will update our risk assessment accordingly.

The latest government guidance acknowledged that school leaders may need to take longer to plan safely for the wider opening of schools.

Indicative numbers of returning children and staff are also continually changing in our schools across the city and some organisations now find that they only have the capacity to provide for vulnerable and key worker children.

Whilst we potentially have the space and staff availability to eventually accommodate up to 10 groups of children, the logistics of organising staggered toilet breaks, playtimes and lunch breaks as well as staff breaks and an enhanced cleaning regime is very challenging. The staggered lunchtime alone for 10 groups would span two hours. A timetable requiring such precision needs to be implemented in an incremental way in order to gradually settle the children and staff into their new routines and to enable us to evaluate and adapt our procedures as each group is added.

We, like many other schools are also still awaiting delivery of essential resources to prepare our sites and implement safety measures.

We have therefore taken the decision to implement a more cautious, phased and part-time approach to the reintegration of our groups.

Initial numbers for vulnerable and key worker provision indicate that we will need two groups- one for EYFS/KS1 and a second for KS2 pupils. This will begin as planned on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 and will be available for five days a week.



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All other Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 groups will initially return for two days a week. This will take a phased approach over time. Please see the attached implementation plan detailing start dates and days of attendance for each group.

Whilst it is our ambition to work towards our initial plan, once we have six groups operating in school at either end of the week, we will review our potential next steps, taking account of any further evolving government guidance.

Whilst we appreciate this will provide many additional challenges for families returning to work, we hope you understand that these steps have been taken to ensure the safest possible return to school for children and staff.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Hancy and Kevin Hall

(on behalf of the Governing Body)

