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Hello to you all,

Thank you for your patience over the last week. We know that this is a worrying time for many of you and none of us can be certain about what lies ahead.

We now have the numbers of key worker children and any other children from Reception and Year 1 that would like to return to school, and we've been able to put together a plan for a phased return.

We're approaching the return with as much caution as possible as we feel this is the safest way for our children, staff and families. **Please note that the return dates below only apply to those who have told us that they want a place.** If you have told us that you do not want a place or have not responded then you do not need to do anything else at this point. If you would like a place in the future please contact school directly to discuss this – however we cannot guarantee places except for key worker children due to limited capacity (or until government guidance changes). We will continue to send out home learning every two weeks for any children staying at home.

Whilst we are following the government guidelines, we must make it clear that we cannot guarantee that returning to school is 100% safe but we have done everything we can within the confines of our school building and with the available staff to make it as safe as we possibly can.

The measures we have put in place are:

- ✓ A phased return – **all key worker children ONLY to return from Monday 1st June**
- ✓ **Other children (from those of you who have asked for a place) to return from Monday 8th June**
- ✓ Closing school to all children every Wednesday at 12noon to allow for a deep clean and to provide staff with planning and preparation time
- ✓ School will only be open on a Wednesday for key worker children.
- ✓ No more than 10 children in a classroom – rising to a maximum of 15 if needed (for parents wanting additional places in the coming weeks)
- ✓ Children will stay in 'bubbles', this is where children stay in the same class with the same children and staff and do not mix with other classes
- ✓ Staggered lunchtimes and playtimes so that children are not mixing outside of their 'bubbles'
- ✓ Staggered drop off and pick up times
- ✓ Parents to drop off and pick up from either EYFS gate or KS1 gate/playground
- ✓ No movement around school except for the toilet and going outside
- ✓ Sandwiches provided by school – children to eat in their bubbles (you can still send in packed lunches if you prefer – please still send in drinks bottles)

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- ✓ *Social distancing where possible (however this is probably not achievable with our younger children)
- ✓ Children can come to school in non-uniform to allow for easier washing (we also realise that many may have outgrown their uniforms)
- ✓ No books or home learning will be sent home with children – all correspondence will be via email

*There have been a lot of stories in the media about what social distancing looks like in schools. The plan at Ashcroft is to minimise contact with others but not to stop it entirely. So in Nursery and Reception the children will still play together but in small groups and once in their bubble will only mix with those children. In Years 1 and 2 they will have their own desk and all of their equipment will be put in their drawer. They will be allowed to play together but again in small groups within their bubble and they will be encouraged to keep a safe distance apart. We believe that we need to balance safety measures carefully against the wellbeing of our children and this is the best approach – we do not want them to find school a negative experience.

Details

Please note that children will be dropped off at the relevant gate (see below) and parents will not be able to enter the school site further (except for Year 1 and 2 collection). You will need to queue at 2metre gaps and once you have handed your child over will need to exit through the main double gates. Please try to maintain recommended social distancing measures at all times and be patient as this will take longer than usual.

Key worker children – From 1 June

From 1 st June <i>Key Worker Children</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Drop off/pick up
	All day	All day	Mornings only – school closes at 12	All day	All day	
Nursery	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 11:50	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 2:50	Nursery/Reception gate
Reception	8:55 – 3pm	8:55 – 3pm	8:55 – 12pm	8:55 – 3pm	8:55 – 3pm	Nursery/Reception gate
Year 1	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 11:50	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 2:50	Year 1/2 gate to drop off Playground to collect
Year 2	8:55 – 3pm	8:55 – 3pm	8:55 – 12pm	8:55 – 3pm	8:55 – 3pm	Year 1/2 gate to drop off Playground to collect

Other children whose parents have requested a space – From 8 June

From 8 th June <i>Additional Reception and Year 1</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Drop off/pick up
	All day	All day	Closed all day	All day	All day	
Nursery	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 2:50	Closed	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 2:50	Nursery/Reception gate
Reception	8:55 – 3pm	8:55 – 3pm	Closed	8:55 – 3pm	8:55 – 3pm	Nursery/Reception gate
Year 1	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 2:50	Closed	8:45 – 2:50	8:45 – 2:50	Year 1/2 gate to drop off Playground to collect

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We hope that our plans will work well but we will continue to review as this is a new way of working for all of us. If you have any questions please get in touch. Please also remember that even if your child is staying at home you are still part of the Ashcroft family and we are here to support you with anything you may need.

Thank you again for your support over the past two months. Stay safe and look after each other.

Jayne Fellows

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