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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the latest guidance from government is for schools to begin to plan for a phased return for some children. Thank you to the majority of parents who have been in contact to say that they welcome this news and those who have indicated their support but would like to know more about our plans to keep everyone safe.

The aim of this letter is to provide parents with more detail around the safety measures we are putting into place to keep our community safe. Tomorrow, you will receive a letter outlining key information in relation to your child's return to school and on Friday, we will send detailed communication that outlines how parents can help keep our schools safe. Alongside all of this, we have also produced a parent 'Frequently asked Questions' guide which can be found on our school website here <https://www.maudene.medway.sch.uk/1204/coronavirus-phase-return-to-school> Please do take the time to read all of this key information.

Protective steps we are taking to make the school a low-risk place for your child:
As a school, we are in the process of compiling comprehensive risk assessments to ensure that the health, safety, social and emotional needs of children, families and staff are met during this next recovery phase. Below outlines some of our key actions and steps we are taking to reduce any risk.

As is current practice with the children of key workers in school, we will be sanitising and hand washing on entry, after each session, before and after break/lunch and before leaving. Each child will also be allocated their own stationery to use to help avoid unnecessary sharing of resources.

Enhanced cleaning will be carried out throughout the day of the frequently touched surfaces (door handles, etc) as well as the children's chairs and tables. The tables in the hall will also be cleaned after a bubble of children and before the next bubble use the area.

Children will stay in their same small group at break and lunchtimes and these will be staggered so that they remain at 2 metre distance. There are now markings on the floors in the school to support children with this. The small groups of children will not be mixed and contact between these groups will be kept to an absolute minimum i.e. passing in the corridors.

It has been acknowledged by the government that social distancing will not always be possible with younger children, however it will be encouraged as much as possible and wherever possible. In order to try and achieve this, the furniture within each of the classrooms has been rearranged so that each child has their own desk, which is at a distance from other children in the small group. All unnecessary

furniture has been removed from the room, such as beanbags etc which cannot be cleaned easily.

If a child becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or lose their sense of smell/taste at school they will be isolated in school and will then be sent home and advised to follow the [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#). While the child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, with appropriate adult supervision.

We hope that the guidance within this letter provides you with some reassurances of the safety measures that the school is putting into place to help minimise the potential risks of COVID-19. However, should you have any further questions about our plans, then please do make contact with us via the School Office.

Best wishes,



Ms Indresano
Headteacher