Dear Parent/Carers,

**Opening on 1st June 2020 to key worker/vulnerable children, YrR, Yr1 and Yr6 children.**

As you will be aware, since the announcement on Sunday 10th May by the Prime Minister, the Senior leadership team at Fairfield have been doing an immense amount of work preparing the school to be reopened on June 1st. There are still many uncertainties surrounding this and we are still unsure whether this will actually go ahead.

Opinion around the safety of children and staff is still very much in the balance with the government’s opinion ‘it is safe to open primary schools’, whilst Teacher Unions and the BMA suggesting June 1st is possibly too early. Evidence suggest that a number of factors are still not fully in place e.g. testing & contact tracing. This is the view of many councils in England and of many other countries in the UK.

As a parent I would ask you to weigh up the evidence over the next week before making that decision to send your child back to school. As a school we are taking every measure, to mitigate the risk where we can, and we will continually adapt and change our provision to make it as safe as possible, but you need to understand that we will **not** be able to fully enforce social distancing with young children. In a primary school it is impossible!

At all times we place the safety of all our lovely children and staff above everything else and we'll do our upmost to try and protect them.

We have placed our Mitigation procedures onto our website, which has been checked and verified by governors and the CEO of the Trust. You can find this by following the link [https://www.fairfieldcpschool.co.uk/safeguarding-e-safety-and-insurance-claims/](https://www.fairfieldcpschool.co.uk/safeguarding-e-safety-and-insurance-claims/)

We plan to send a further letter out on Friday via SchoolPing, with both pupil and parent protocols attached. These will share our expectations and will include detail regarding staggered start times/collection times and many other aspects that you probably have questions/concerns about.

We also plan to schedule a simple booking form for parents of keyworker/vulnerable children, YrR, 1 and 6 children on Friday 22nd May. This booking will be open right up to the
end of the day on Thursday 28th May. I apologise for having to do this, but people’s opinions are divided and in some cases changing. I will need to know on the 28th May which children will be in school on 1st June, so groupings/staffing can also match the individual needs of children. We will be able to share which group your child has been allocated on Friday 29th May.

The booking form, to be returned, will also ask you to indicate whether you are wanting a school meal providing. Please remember, children in Year R and Year 1 are entitled to a free Universal meal, along with children who are in receipt of FSM. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide a hot meal, but are able to offer a packed lunch meal as an alternative. Please indicate this on the booking form.

I hope you, your family and children are safe and well,

Best wishes

Mark Tuckwell (Headteacher)