May 20th 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we want to acknowledge the continued, tireless support families have given to their children since 23rd March, when schools ‘closed’ to ‘most’ pupils. The wealth of weekly and daily communication between home and school has been so impressive we are going to continue to use Class Dojo throughout the summer term 2020. We have shared many experiences with you along the way and hopefully our feedback to your child’s postings has offered support and guidance.

The government have asked us to plan to welcome more children to school from June 1st. The government will only ask us to open if the UK passes 5 key government tests. However, we are working on plans as the government requested. It is hoped, that as well as continuing to welcome key worker and vulnerable children, we will also be able to welcome children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

At Kirk Langley Church of England Primary School, we have planned the phased return of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 first and if the agreed date differs from June 1st, or is June 1st, our plan will remain the same.

We have planned using the full guidance from the DFE and implemented a risk assessment which directly addresses risks associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) so that sensible measures can be put in place. We have placed this on our school website and we will review practice across each week.

The Government guidance is that children remain in the group or ‘bubble’ which means that to establish the groups at this stage we would like parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to confirm by Thursday 21st May at the latest if they attend to send their child back on June 1st. Please read the form at the end of this letter for the information that we would like to collect and send it by email to: headteacher@kirklangley.derbyshire.sch.uk.

We fully understand that this is an emotive and difficult decision and one that may change as time progresses. Parents that initially don’t want their child to attend and then change their mind, or have a change of circumstances, need to let us know the week before (by Wednesday at the latest) that they would like their child to return to school on the following Monday morning. This will give us time to prepare their learning station.

After seeking more guidance, it is advised children attend every day. Teachers will be teaching lessons that link learning from one day to the next. We will not have a daily attendance form as we have had for the last two months.

If you decide to keep your child at home, we will continue to support learning at home and provide feedback through Class Dojo. The Government have asked us to continue with remote learning and The Oak National Academy does follow year group objectives from the National Curriculum 2014.

After speaking directly to parents of children within YR, Y1 and Y6, we would like those returning in Reception to arrive at 8.45am and enter through the large vehicle gates, onto the playground, where coloured chairs will be spaced for parents to stand with their child until Mr Stevens asks them to enter the school building and walk into their classroom. This will support the social distancing message I know parents have been developing over the past weeks with their child.

Miss Redpath and Mr Mayes will support Year 1 and parents are asked to bring them at 8.55am through the smaller gate which leads directly onto the playground. Again places to wait will be visible to ensure safe distancing. The door for those pupils to enter will be the old office door.
Year 6 will be able to enter the school via the large gates, at the rear of the school, in the new Car Park area at 8.55am and proceed to the old office door into the hall. Their learning will be directed by myself, Mrs Selfe and Mrs Walker. Mrs Burdette and Mrs Young will have small groups of children across a staggered lunch period. Break times will also be staggered, and social distancing will be in place at these times as well.

Those pupils attending in the Key Workers Group will continue to arrive through the normal entrance at 9am and enter through the Lobby Area of the School Office. These pupils are familiar with this way of entering and leaving the school.

At the end of the school day each group will be safely dismissed through the same area they entered and we ask that Reception are collected at 3 p.m. and Year 1 and Year 6 will leave at 3:15 p.m.

We are following the guidance that children should bring a packed lunch prepared at home, but our catering supplier will provide a packed lunch and deliver to school at 12pm for anyone who would prefer this option.

Across the past weeks the children who have been attending since 23rd March have brought their own equipment and this has worked well. We feel with such small numbers this would be advisable and sensible rather than share school pencils, pens, rubbers and rulers which would need daily cleaning.

Following future guidance and risk assessments, across the summer half term we would be planning a phased return to welcome back pupils in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. At this stage in the planning, we would like to collect responses from parents who have children in these groups.

Once we have the responses back, we will continue to share more details with you. Again, we would like to thank everyone who has fully understood and supported us along this ‘unprecedented’ journey.

Keep safe and well,
Mrs Jayne Stevenson
Headteacher

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Parents of Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Please email your responses to these questions by Thursday 21st May to headteacher@kirklangley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Name of child/children_______________________

My child/children **WILL/WILL NOT** be returning to school on June 1st.

I will send my child with their own packed lunch or I require a packed lunch to be provided by Etwell.

Please remember to send your child with their own pencil case including pen, pencil, ruler and rubber

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Parents of Year 2, Year3, Year 4 and Year 5 Please email you response to headteacher@kirklangley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Name of child/children_______________________

I **WILL/WILL NOT** be sending my child to school when it is open to these Years