KEY QUESTIONS
This document should be read in conjunction with the more detailed risk assessment.

Is it safe to return to school?
The government’s position is that it is safe to return to school in September as long as mitigation to minimise risk is put into place. The Government have outlined measures that have to be put into place it has been used to write a risk assessment.
The school will be as safe as we can possibly make it.

What about social distancing?
In school, social distancing is achieved by minimising contact between classes / groups. We will achieve this by having staggered start and finish times, staggered playtime and lunchtime, remaining in our classes with the exception of key stage 2 maths lessons (but children will remain in a key stage bubble). With the exception of early years and year 1, children will be sat at forward facing tables in rows. There will be no assemblies in the hall and PE plans will be adapted so that equipment isn’t shared.
Children will be in key stage / class groups.
Staff are able to work between classes but we will keep this at a minimum.

What other safety measures will there be?
The items children bring in from home will be limited to essentials. Book bags and water bottles will not be required. Children will be able to bring in coats. PE kit and, if they have one, a packed lunch. This reduces risk and keeps surfaces clear.
Handwashing will take place at regular intervals. Hand washing and coughs/sneezes protocols will be reinforced regularly.
Cleaning of frequently used surfaces will take place more regularly.
Each class will use their allocated toilets.
We will provide cups and water in classrooms.

To avoid congestion and reduce the number of people:
Parents will not be able to proceed beyond a line on the ground and a one way system will be in place for leaving and entering the school.

The school office is not open to parents or visitors – please email or telephone if you need to talk to someone.

What about resources?
Where possible children will not share resources. Where resources are shared they have to be washed / wiped. Any resources shared between classes will be cleaned or kept out of circulation for a specified amount of time before being used by another group.
The resources children need will be available to them on their table to minimise distribution and getting out of seats.

When are the children returning?
All children in years 1 to 4 will return on Monday 7th September. Parents have been given the start and finish time for their child.
Nursery and reception have individual start dates.
Attendance is mandatory.
**What if my child is nervous about returning to school?**

We are going to prioritise social and emotional learning activities when school returns. All children will need to re-acclimatise themselves to the school day after such a long break. The children who returned in June did so without any difficulty. The pace of the day will be much slower than usual at the start as we establish new routines and get into the swing of things.

**What about their learning?**

We are going to focus on getting ‘back on track’ with learning. Teachers have reviewed and are adapting their planning. Teachers know which objectives weren’t covered in school and will be slotting them into their plans. We will assess the children’s work (assess not test) to establish what they know and what we need to teach. Getting back on track i.e focusing on the current years objectives entirely will take some time. Rushing this stage is counterproductive and if done will form shaky foundations for future learning. We are confident that our plans for learning will, over time, get children back on track.

Children in year 1 will experience a more reception like environment. This is to ease their transition and meet their developmental needs. It won’t compromise the learning they are doing.

There will be an opportunity for teachers and parents to speak during the Autumn term so that you know how your child has settled. As it is unlikely that this can be done in school we will arrange for phone calls to be made.

**Will before and after school care be available?**

Yes it will. Future games will be putting into place their own risk assessment. Parents who need places should book in the usual way.