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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid-19 Update

- **Re-Opening more widely to Key Year Groups (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) from Monday 15th June 2020**

With everything that is going on, it seems strange to be writing to say that we have come to the start of another half term at Knighton. However, it has been great to see so many of you in recent weeks, as you have been in to collect breakfast supplies and learning resources. Thank you for your continuing support and for remaining positive.

Following your conversations before half-term regarding confirmation of wanting to send your child back to school when possible, we are now in a position to share further details with you regarding your child's return. The school will reopen to your child from **Monday 15th June**. Since my letter on 18th May, there has been a significant amount of new guidance issued by government and it is extremely important and challenging to stay on top of the information flow. Do make sure you keep an eye on our Twitter page for relevant information that we share. Our plans have been thoroughly thought through and meet the requirements set out by the published documents from the Department for Education.

Taking the above into account, please see the attached list of some of the ways we are reducing the risk of infection across the school. Staff have been put in to 'Family Bubbles' and children are to be in 'Cohort Teams.' Cohort teams (no more than 8 children) will be connected to a family bubble and these will not mix where at all possible. Although we can not guarantee the spread of infection, we have lots of new strategies in place to reduce the risk.

As parents, we ask you to follow the below:

- If your child falls ill during the day and develops symptoms, they will be immediately brought to the front office and you will be called to come and collect them
- Please drop your child to the following entrances, where they will be greeted by a teacher. Due to the high number of gates at Knighton, we will not be staggering drop off and pick up times, for now. Cohort teams will be using these locations:
 - EYFS key workers – EYFS gate (Thackery St)
 - KS1 key workers – Sheridan St gate
 - Lower Key Stage 2 key workers – Sheridan St gate
 - Upper Key Stage 2 key workers – gate closest to Y6 classroom (Knighton Fields Rd West)
 - Y6 cohort teams – gate closest to Y6 classroom (Knighton Fields Rd West)
 - Y1 cohort teams – gate closest to Y1 classroom (Thackery St)
 - Reception cohort teams – gate closest to Y1 classroom (Thackery St)
 - Nursery cohort teams – EYFS gate (Thackery St)

- Please provide your child with a clearly labelled water bottle (free packed lunches will be provided by school to all children attending)
- You must follow social distancing rules - please ensure that there is only 1 adult accompanying your child. If you are dropping multiple children off, you must walk around the building to drop off at the allocated gate for their cohort team

Next week, you will receive a text message informing you which cohort team your child will be in from the 15th June, along with which days we will be able to welcome them in. The uptake of places has varied across the school so the number of days we can offer you will vary from 2 days a week, to 5 days due to staffing and site capacity and the year group your child is in. If you have changed your mind and now do not want to send your child to school, please let us know as soon as possible so our plans include the most accurate numbers of pupils available. If you have decided that you now want to send them and previously said no, please let us know of this too. These arrangements will be for the weeks beginning 15th and 22nd June. We will review the plans for the final two weeks of the term (weeks beginning 29th June and 6th July) as they may need altering dependant on a number of factors.

Key Worker and Vulnerable Children Provision: As you are aware, since school closed back in March, we have been running a provision for key worker families and vulnerable children, including over scheduled school holidays. This provision will continue. If you feel that your child is eligible to be part of this provision, please contact us as soon as possible. However, to ensure that we maintain the correct ratio, no child should start at the provision until you have received confirmation from the school.

I hope the information above helps to answer many of your questions; however, if you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact me. Finally, I am sorry we cannot cater for more key year group children every week day from but our top priority has to be keeping all children and staff safe when in school. Please be patient with us as we will continue to review this to ensure we offer as much provision as safely possible.

I really look forward to welcoming more children back to Knighton Mead and thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Slinger

Principal