

11th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

The Prime Minister announced on Sunday 10 May 2020 that the government believes that it may be in a position to implement a phased approach to reopening schools from 1 June 2020 starting with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and then progressing to Year 10 and Year 12. This is a part of the government's conditional plan which will remain under regular review.

It is important that we communicate with you to let you know of our plans, once they are developed and in order to answer the many questions that you may have.

It is important to note that schools are currently legally closed and only open to provide childcare for the children of critical workers, i.e. those children that have already been attending school so that their parents can provide frontline services and vulnerable children. We know that for many of you, you will have the pressures of your own return to work and managing childcare but ask for your understanding and support as we continue to prioritise these key groups. The safest place for children is still at home.

Whilst we await the detailed guidance on how we should operate once open again, you should rest assured that we will continue to have the highest regard to your child's health and safety. In the meantime we are working to develop the most sensible solutions. We all have lots of questions at the moment and not enough answers and we ask for your cooperation and patience. We will endeavour to keep you informed of developments as much as possible. Our home learning resources will continue whilst we are in a transition to be fully open: again we know that for those year groups not yet mentioned by the government for a planned return to school that this will be frustrating, and we will do all we can to provide high quality work.

We will continue to put your child's interests first in our decision making and enact the national guidance the very best we can. As was stated in the letter last week we have already made some modifications to our Google Classroom strategy and the supportive resources we have, and will, provide to ensure the accessibility and functionality of this remote learning forum. This will become even more important with the continued absence of the majority of students for the remainder of this academic year. Your support continues to be hugely appreciated by our teaching and support staff.

Thank you for your continued support; as always, should you need to contact us then please do so via the 'Contact Us' button on the website or via email at reception@ripon.outwood.com.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Pratt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr W Pratt
Principal

