



Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that you have all heard about the potential opening of Primary Schools for selected year groups and key worker children. The Government has reiterated that this reopening is still conditional on data regarding the trajectory of the virus. Guidance arrived on Monday and since then all staff and Governors have been working tirelessly to try to understand the way forward. As you can imagine, the task ahead of us is huge, with many factors to consider and many questions that remain unanswered.

The unions, teaching professionals and Governors feel that questions specifically around safety need more clarity before school opens. The main areas of concern are social distancing (something that I believe is impossible, particularly in Reception and Year 1) and transmission of the virus between children and adults.

Having said this, we are keen to open as soon as is safe and to that end we are completing a risk assessment. Whilst being guided by the Department for Education we have to work within a range of factors that are unique to Loxwood. This includes the availability of staff, the layout of the building, the use of resources, PPE etc. all of which have to be carefully considered to ensure that we keep your children and our staff safe.

In order to manage expectations and to give you some idea of how to plan your family life as we move forwards, opening will be completed in *very* small steps. School will not be as it used to be. It is highly unlikely to be full time, we will probably only be able to accommodate small numbers so your child/ren will not mix with their whole class, they may not have their class teacher and we may not be able to accommodate the year groups that have been recommended.

The DfE's aim that all children will return for the last month of the summer term is particularly concerning for us, given the challenges of social distancing. We await further information on this.

We are keenly aware that the main focus of the children's learning on return will be heavily weighted toward their social and emotional needs. Fortunately this is an area of expertise for staff at Loxwood as we have always prioritised well-being and staff have had considerable training in this area.

So that we can continue with our risk assessment we would be grateful if you could complete this short survey to indicate your intent to either send your child into school or to keep your child at home. This is a difficult question to answer and we only need your intent, you will of course be able to change your mind should schools open. Please complete a survey for each child

[Loxwood School Parent/Carers Survey](#)

Stay safe and kind regards,

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