



Dear Parents and Carers

Following the government's announcement to open the schools to selected year groups from 1st June we have been working hard on the school's risk assessment to assess whether we believe it is safe to open. This has now been completed and agreed with the governing body and a copy is attached to this email.

Please do take the time to read it very carefully particularly if your child in one of the specific year groups, as it will help you to make an informed decision as to whether you would like your child to return to school. There are two key points that we believe are pivotal for most parents:

- This decision is entirely yours. You will not be forced to return your child to school and no-one will be fined or prosecuted for absence if you decide not to send your child back
- 2m social distancing is not possible within a primary school. The risk assessment illustrates measures we have been advised to put in place to reduce the risk

Schools will continue to be open for children of keyworkers, vulnerable children and children with an EHCP. From 1st June the government is proposing to open to more children, from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Following our planning exercise we will be doing this on a *phased* return. We will also continue to provide Home Learning so children at home are not disadvantaged.

This is a highly complex situation and planning has been very challenging; staffing school and Home Learning will be enormously difficult and we are grateful for your patience and support going forwards.

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the survey. It is clear that some of you are still undecided or have questions.

In the risk assessment you will see the measures we are planning to put in place. These include smaller class sizes, children will be kept in groups or 'hubs' that do not mix, a rigorous cleaning schedule throughout the day and at the end of the day. Resources will not be shared and playtimes and lunch times will be staggered. The risk assessment and operational aspects of the day will be thoroughly reviewed every Friday and changes may be made.

The 'hubs' will be supervised by two members of staff. It is highly unlikely that your child will be in their own classroom or have their own teacher. These hubs however, will not change and staffing will be consistent (illness notwithstanding). It is impossible to organise these groups/hubs in friendship groups.

This will not be back to school as normal, however, staff are absolutely committed to the well-being and mental health of your child should they return. This pastoral care will be a priority followed by a curriculum that will be similar to the Home Learning. This approach is recommended due to schools having an equal responsibility towards children in school and children still learning at home.

Our current planned phased return is explained below (subject to changes by government or county advice). Parents of pupils in classes that are open and key worker pupils will receive detailed information regarding drop off, pick up, uniform, lunches and equipment next week.

Keyworkers

Address Nicholsfield, Loxwood,
West Sussex RH14 0SR
Telephone 01403 752207
Email messages@loxwoodschool.com
Headteacher Ms P. Kitson

Accreditations:





If you are a keyworker (regardless of your child's year group), you will be asked to book your child in so that we are able to staff effectively. If you have identified as a key worker you will be contacted separately. **If you do not book in you will not be able to access this provision.**

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Planned Phased reopening

Week1 beginning 1st June

Monday to Thursday

Open to: **Young Explorers** & children of key workers, vulnerable pupils, pupils with EHCPs

Friday

Open to: children of key workers, vulnerable pupils and pupils with EHCPs

-planning and preparation, review of the risk assessment and making any changes

Week2 beginning 8th June

Monday to Thursday

Open to: **Young Explorers & Year 1**, children of key workers, vulnerable pupils, pupils with EHCPs,

Friday

Open to: children of key workers, vulnerable pupils and pupils with EHCPs

-planning and preparation, review of the risk assessment and making any changes

Week 3 beginning 15th June

Monday to Thursday

Open to: **Young Explorers, Year 1 & Year 6**, children of key workers, vulnerable pupils and pupils with EHCPs,

Friday

Open to: children of key workers, vulnerable pupils and pupils with EHCPs

-planning and preparation, review of the risk assessment and making any changes

We have worked hard to put a plan in place that balances the requirement to open the school to selected groups as well as the health and safety requirements of the current situation. We like most schools are taking a phased approach that allows us to test the measures and review and modify our plans as we go. These plans will always be subject to changes in Government Guidelines, staffing availability and assessment of risk as we move forwards. With that in mind, we once again thank you for support and patience.

Stay safe and kind regards

Ms Kitson
Headteacher

Ibi El Moghraby & Wayne Schofield
Co-chairs of the Governing Body

