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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Dear Parents and Carers of Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

As I mentioned in the newsletter, the Multi Academy Trust are currently producing further guidance for headteachers around the possible return to school on 1 June for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils and headteachers are meeting 'virtually' with the CEO next week.

I wanted to contact you before 22 May (as I said I would in the newsletter), as I want you to have as much information as I can give you before the final information and more specific details are sent to you a week before we plan to open, when you will hopefully receive a joint letter from myself and the CEO of the Multi Academy Trust. Available staff will be meeting during that week too, to sort out the teaching rooms and to get equipment sorted. A deep clean will also take place that week.

At the moment, based on the government guidance so far, we now have to consider:

- limiting class sizes to a maximum of 15 with 2 members of staff
- each group of 15 pupils being kept together as a group at all times and will not mix with other groups
- limiting classroom equipment as it will need to be cleaned each day
- staggering break times and lunch times
- staggering pick-up and drop-off times so that parents/carers can keep social distancing rules
- only one parent/carer to drop off and pick up and social distancing rules will apply at this time
- separate entrances for each year group
- increased cleaning which may mean a shorter school day to enable this to happen
- keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

In consultation with the Multi Academy Trust we will then make a plan for our individual school, as all schools will have to deal with this in different ways.

The CEO of the Trust reminded school leaders that this move to return is a very complicated process and needs to be dealt with in as timely a manner as we can, with full consideration for everyone's safety at all times, which, understandably, will be a challenge for us as we try and organise a 'new' school system whilst maintaining the rules around social distancing and minimising the risk of potential infection amongst staff and pupils. It is important for you to know that it won't be school as we know it due to the strict safety measures that we must put in place so we will not be able to safely offer Breakfast Club and After School Club when we return in this way.

A MAT survey for parents is available now at <http://pupilsurvey.bwmat.org> for you to let them know if you intend your child to return on 1 June. I would be grateful if you could also email us at the office office@kcs.bwmat.org if possible, to let us know your intention?

This is not what we wanted for our children, but we will have to deal with it in the best way we can and with safety at the heart of all we do.

It's a minefield of things to think about. My primary concern at all times is the safety of our pupils and staff and if and when we do reopen in this way, I will be assessing this on a day to day basis. We will update you if the government advice changes.

Kind regards

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