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Dear mums, dads and carers

School update

Since the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday 11th May Senior Leaders and Governors have been working on a measured response to opening the school to minimise the risk of spreading the virus. This has been no small task and involves many highly complex arrangements.

On Monday 1st June school will be closed for an INSET day.

From Tuesday 2nd June we will open four classes for children of Key Workers and for children of vulnerable families. These children will receive a letter confirming that they are entitled to come to school.

This has not been an easy decision to make but in the light of our continuing concerns about the safety of our children and staff we have decided that we will not re-open for children in Nursery, Reception and Year one until September; although we will keep this under review as we are mindful of the lack of social contact for these very young children.

Some of the principles that have informed our decisions are below:

- *To maintain continuity of learning and the social benefits this brings*
- *To support vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers*
- *To support induction/transition*
- *To provide a sustainable route to full re-opening that ensures the safety of pupils, families and staff; while following National guidance for safety and physical distancing*

Children in year six will be invited for a one week transition programme from Monday 22nd June.

Any further opening of school will be communicated at a future date to be agreed.

School Leaders have diligently worked through all National guidance to ensure that school is reducing the risk of infection as far as possible and that it is safe for children of Key Workers and Vulnerable families to be in school.

Please check Twitter (@KenderSchool) and the school website to keep up to date with any changes to these arrangements.

Contacts

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We are aware that these are difficult times and stressful for all members of our school community. However, we will work together to do all we can to get things back to some kind of normal as soon as possible.

Please note that all plans made are dependent on the outcome on the Government announcement anticipated on Thursday 28th May.

Thank you for your continued patience, support and co-operation,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Keith Barr', written over a vertical line that extends from the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

Keith Barr
(Headteacher)

Check if you have coronavirus symptoms

The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are usually mild, but some people can become very unwell.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.