

COOMB BRIGGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the Government are planning on children in EYFS (Reception), Year 1 and Year 6 returning to school in small groups from 1st June.

There are lots of things as a school we need to put in place in order for the children and staff to return safely. Although the Government are suggesting groups of 15 children, the most I can safely fit into a classroom, 2m apart, is 9 children. The children will need to have all of their own equipment (provided by school) and school will need cleaning thoroughly between each group of children being in. Social distancing with our youngest children is likely to be very difficult. I haven't yet met a 5 year old who can stay 2m away from their friends, especially ones they haven't seen for many weeks!!

There has so far been no clear guidance as to how we can safely have your children back in school in larger numbers other than staggered starts, staggered playtimes, regular hand-washing and children not mixing with children in other year groups.

Even though the suggestion is that our children come back in small groups from 1st June, the Government are also hoping to now have ALL primary school children in school for a month before the start of the summer holidays. As to how this will look, again, we have no guidance. I would like to hope it would be small groups but the word 'all' is a little concerning!

One thing the Government have advised is that you will not be fined if you chose not to send your child to school before the summer holidays.

Of course I want all the children back in school, however, I want them back when we have assurances it is completely safe. As parents, I trust your judgements and I know you will make the right decisions for you and your family.

We will continue as long as is needed to be open for the children of Key workers, even if this is right through the summer holidays.

With all of this in mind, we are starting our careful planning and would really appreciate it if you could indicate whether or not you would be happy sending your child back to school with either YES or NO. Please either respond by email to hayness@cbriggs.nelcmail.co.uk or phone the school office on 01469 572584 by Thursday 14th May 2020.

Please stay safe and we hope to see you soon, whenever that may be.

Kind regards

Mrs Redmond

