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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to share our proposed plans in reflection of the provisional plans the Government put forward to return pupils to school from 1 June 2020. To help provide you with information regarding other schools in our locality, please find attached the statement issued by Primary School Headteachers in Lancaster and Morecambe.

During the last two weeks, Senior Leaders have worked in collaboration with Governors, the Local Authority, local Headteachers and, more recently, with parents. Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete the online survey and those who shared their thoughts and concerns directly by email. As a result of this process, we have developed a plan to begin to phase children back into school this term. At this stage, this is still a proposal, as the Government is set to provide further guidance on 28 May; therefore, please understand that there is still a possibility that the school will remain closed to pupils other than the most vulnerable and children of Key Workers.

On **1 June**, our Key Worker Provision will divide into three 'bubbles' to reflect increasing numbers and to ensure that teaching groups remain under 15 pupils. Due to our classroom sizes, we aim to keep groups to 10 children where possible. The Key Worker Provision will follow a very similar format to what is currently in place and be run daily. Please continue to use the weekly booking form to register your child for this provision and we will contact you again if there are any changes that you need to be aware of. If your circumstances have changed and you need to access this provision, and you are a Key Worker, please contact Mr Hargreaves directly by email: head@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk

On **2 June**, we propose to return our Year 6 pupils to school, if parents choose that attending school is the right decision for them.

- Pupils would enter/exit from the bottom playground gate.
- We ask that all pupils are escorted to the community centre car park and children walk onto the school grounds via the tennis court path, following the 2 metre social distancing rule.
- The children will be divided into three 'bubbles' with each bubble having a set of attached staff that would only work with these children. Please note that this may not be your child's current Class Teacher and they may not be in their current classroom.
- The Year 6 sessions would be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays, the Year 6 provision will be closed to allow us to deep clean these classrooms. Further details will follow if this provision is put in place.

As a school, we are working incredibly hard to ensure that safety measures are introduced to protect our pupils and staff. We are limiting group sizes and planning for staff to work in set 'bubbles' of pupils to significantly reduce social contact. Classrooms are being organised so that there is limited furniture and equipment so that children can be adequately spaced out and touchable surfaces are reduced. Extra cleaning regimes have been put in place so that key points of contact are regularly sanitised. Breaktimes are staggered to reduce the number of pupils using the playground at any one time. School lunches will only offer sandwiches from 1 June which will be delivered to classrooms so that children do not need to queue in the hall. Children are taught about social distancing (we call this personal space) as well as good hygiene (hand washing, safer coughs and sneezes, toilet hygiene). We will always encourage these measures with children in a child-centred way. We will not continually reprimand pupils for 'forgetting' about these rules. We have been honest and acknowledged that we cannot effectively socially distance primary aged pupils nor can we keep them 2 metres apart at all times; however, we can try our very best to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We plan to review the Key Worker Provision and the Year 6 Provision (if this is introduced) on the 12 June 2020 to ensure that we are satisfied that it is working and it is safe for pupils and staff. At this point, we will contact parents and introduce any possible next phase of return.

The Home Learning will continue for all pupils; therefore, if you choose for your child not to attend school, they will still be provided with support for their learning at home. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for how hard they have been working during these difficult times. Staff members have been present in school, supporting the Key Worker Provision and staff members have been working from home supporting home learning. It has been amazing to see how our incredible team has been able to adapt and still provide a very 'Bolton-le-Sands style curriculum' virtually as well as in school – thank you!

We will continue to keep you informed through our weekly bulletin and when we move to each stage of a phase return, we will provide you with guidance of our safety measures and how you can help. For now, we ask that you talk with your child about the importance of good hygiene and how to socialise and keep a safe distance at the same time.

If you have any further concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Hargreaves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath.

Mr Daniel Hargreaves

Headteacher