

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020, weekly newsletters were replaced with ongoing ClassDojo messages sent directly to parents. Many communications were sent to parents from teachers, but whole school messages have been copied here for information:

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I'm sure you have heard this evening, the Prime Minister has suggested that 1st June may see a phased re-opening of schools for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

We will wait to hear further guidance from the government over the coming days, as obviously there has been no detail provided at this time.

In the meantime, we will continue to be available only for the children of keyworkers. As before, please call me on my mobile (XXXXXX XXXXXX) if this is needed.

I will be in contact again as soon as I know more detail.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well.

Mr Ashley.

11/5

Dear Parents & Carers,

A very quick update, to say that at the moment there is very little update!

You may have seen that there is now the suggestion of Nurseries reopening on 1st June too, and that there is a hope that all year groups will have a month back in school before the summer holidays. This is accompanied by the words 'hope', 'may' and 'possibly' though, so we will have to wait and see how the relaxation of lockdown affects this in the meantime.

However, I have not yet received formal guidance / confirmation on what the expectations will be for a return to school (i.e. whether it will be whole classes or partial classes on a rota basis) and so I will wait for further information and pass this on to you as soon as I know more, hopefully by this time tomorrow.

Best wishes,

Mr Ashley

12/5

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a daily update, I can confirm that there is now a lot more information and guidance available with regard to the potential for re-opening of schools from 1st June. You may have seen some of this through the media and other platforms, but I wanted to give you an update, based on where we stand at the moment.

I am in the process of making plans to hopefully allow all Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 6 children to all return on Monday 1st June, provided the government confirm that the expected 5 key test requirements have been met, and provided I feel that it is safe to do so for both children and staff. The safety measures will include splitting classes into smaller groups and working in different classrooms for some (as outlined by the government), as well as enhancing protective measures and changes to arrival and departure procedures.

I will be discussing the plans with members of the Trust Interim Board, senior leaders and staff over the next two days, and I hope that I will then be able to give more specific details to you on Thursday. I appreciate you may want to know more about the plans earlier than this, but I want to make sure they are right when communicated, and not have to keep sending amendments as expectations change. In the meantime however, you can find the government advice via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Finally, I wish to thank you for your continued support and understanding, and would ask that you continue your communications with the class teachers, including sharing your experiences of work being completed by children at home. As always, please contact me if you feel you will need Keyworker childcare.

With very best wishes,

Mr Ashley.

13/5

Hi everyone.

Here is a link to some yoga videos that might be of interest to you.

https://www.yogaatschool.org.uk/free-yoga-lessons-for-children-with-autism/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Buzz_Freeyogalessons

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I attach a letter from the CEO of the Vine Schools Trust, which outlines where we are at the moment with regard to plans for the potential re-opening of school from 1st June. This highlights the risk assessment process currently being undertaken, and which I hope to complete by early next week, at which time I will be in further contact with you all to give a further update.

In the meantime, I will shortly be surveying those parents/carers with children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, to gather your thoughts and feelings about the possible return, in order to inform my risk assessments. I would be very grateful if you could please look out for this and respond as soon as you are able.

In the meantime, I hope that you are all keeping well, and as always please do stay in contact.

Best wishes,

Mr Ashley

14/5

Dear Parents / Carers,

Without wanting to overload you with information, I thought I would share the latest guidance with you in regard to Coronavirus testing eligibility and how test and testing kits work, for your information.

Anyone in England showing symptoms of coronavirus who has to leave the home to go to work, or is aged 65 and over, is eligible for testing along with members of their households with symptoms. This is in addition to all essential workers with symptoms.

Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test, how to get tested and the different types of test available can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency has published guidance for members of the public and patients about coronavirus tests and testing kits, including information on the different types of tests available and how they work. The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-tests-and-testing-kits-for-coronavirus-covid-19-work>

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know there has been much in the press about the potential return to school for some year groups on 1st June, and much guidance from the government (although at times vague), local authority and the Vine Schools Trust. This is still all being reviewed and assessed.

I would like to thank all those parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 6 for responding to the survey I sent out yesterday. I will analyse the outcome of your responses and feed this into the risk assessments. I also thank you for all your kind words of support and understanding.

Until the risk assessments have been fully completed, and then fed into a potential re-opening plan, I am unable to give any indication of whether or not the school will re-open on 1st June, and if it does, what this will actually look like. I'm sure you appreciate that whatever decisions are made, these will take into full account the safety of staff, children and families.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to messaging again next week with updates.

Best wishes,

Mr Ashley