

THE HARMONY TRUST

Westwood Academy



Friday 22nd May 2020

Westwood Academy plans for phased return

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I hope that you and your families are safe and well. All of the Westwood Academy staff are missing the children and hope that you are enjoying the home learning.

Following consultation with parents and carers this week, we have now started to implement our plans for the phased return of children to Westwood Academy from week beginning 1st June, in line with Government guidelines.

In order to provide staff training on health and safety, new arrangements for teaching and learning and to prepare the classroom environment, school will be closed to all pupils (including the children of Key Workers) on Monday 1st June and Tuesday 2nd June.

In order to manage this safely for children and staff, we plan for children to return as follows:

- The **children of key workers** to return to school from **Wednesday 3rd June**. The children will be supported to complete the activities and tasks set by their class teacher. These are the same activities as the children accessing home learning.
- The aim is for the **Year 6 and Year 1 children, whose parents/carers have requested a place for their child, to return from Monday 8th June**. Please note that this is subject to review and staffing capacity.
- The plan is then for **EYFS children, whose parents/carers have requested a place for their child, to return from Monday 8th June**. Please note that this is subject to review and staffing capacity.

If you have responded to say that you do not currently want a place for your child, please do not send your child to school. If you have changed your mind and would now like a place for your EYFS/Year 1/Year 6 child contact school via info@westwood.theharmonytrust.org. We are trying to provide enough staff to meet need, but this may not be possible and could affect our ability to implement the plan above.

As you can image, this is a complex process- **the Government will make a final decision about if schools will reopen on 28th May** (during the half term break). We will endeavour to give all parents in the targeted year groups as much information, as quickly as possible.

For all children not attending school, our staff will continue to post learning via the class Twitter accounts and through Purple Mash. Children who access school will be doing so on a childcare basis- these children will be completing the same work from Twitter and Purple Mash as those children who remain at home.

Eid Mubarak to our families! Please stay safe and have a wonderful celebration.

Thank you for your continued support in this extremely challenging time,

Mr. Bell (Executive Principal)

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