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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have heard, the government are asking schools to **plan** for possibly re-opening from the start of June. This will depend on the situation nationwide, and we may still not open. Assuming that this does go ahead this letter outlines the plan at Curwen.

As of Wednesday 3rd June, we may begin to gradually invite year groups back into school. In this case we will begin with our youngest children (Nursery and Reception), who we have already contacted. It is important to note that at this point sending your child to school is down to **parental choice** for these additional children, and there will be **no** penalties or action taken if you decide you currently do not want them to return. Brothers and sisters in other year groups **will not** be able to attend.

Our plan is that any return to school will be staggered for different year groups, and we will contact each year group separately about this. We also currently have reduced capacity for children in school as the local Hub is operating from here, which reduces the space that we have. Due to the return to school still being uncertain, we are very reluctant to ask the Hub to leave until the picture becomes clearer. We are sure that you will agree, this is a vital lifeline to many vulnerable families in the borough and we do not want anyone to lose this support.

The arrangements that we have currently for vulnerable and key worker children will remain the same, and they can attend as they have been whether or not the school opens to further groups of children on June 3rd. Breakfast club and 6 o'clock club will continue **only** for these children.

The school has worked hard developing risk assessments and plans to reduce risk of infection within school, however I am sure that you realise it is not possible for us to eliminate this completely. Some of the measures that we will be taking in school will include:

- staggering pick-up and drop-off times for different year groups to reduce the number of parents in the playground
- implementing a 'one-way' system into and out of school for all parents/carers, and not allowing any parents/carers into the school building
- encouraging children to respect personal space (2m social distancing is not possible in a school)
- reducing class sizes to 15 and only allowing children to play with other children in their year group during playtimes and lunchtimes
- ensuring good hygiene practices such as regular hand-washing and increased cleaning throughout school
- **not** offering breakfast or 6 o'clock club





We will be requesting parents and carers to work with us during these unprecedented times, and this will include expectations such as:

- not sending your child to school if they are unwell
- ensuring your child arrives at school within plenty of time. Due to keeping groups of children separate **no child** will be allowed to come in late. This will not be negotiable.
- helping us to protect our staff by ensuring that any communication with us is via Studybugs or email, and not face-to-face

As a result of all of these measures, it is **not possible** for us to ensure that children are in their usual class with their usual teachers. Although we will try to make staff as consistent as possible, for various reasons this may have to change from week-to-week. Additionally, we will not be following the curriculum as we ordinarily would.

Please see our Frequently Asked Questions sheet for more detailed information. We will provide additional information to each individual year group as they return, including all our arrangements. As always, please phone, email or message us through Studybugs if you have any questions at this stage.

With very best wishes

Mrs Mansfield
Head of School

