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UPDATE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers

Phased reopening of school

As you will be aware, Sefton Council's position on the broader opening of schools was communicated to schools and parents this week.

Although the Department for Education (DfE) has set out advice for school leaders to prepare for the reopening of schools to a wider group of children from 1 June, Sefton Council has suggested that this should be from 15 June. **I can now confirm that our Governing Body has agreed to follow the local authority's advice to begin opening to a wider group of children from 15 June.**

The safety of our children, staff, and families is paramount and central to the decision. The preparation for the broader opening of schools is a mammoth task. It requires detailed risk assessments, including the careful consideration of staffing levels and layout safety to inform the implementation plans, systems, and procedures. Time to prepare the building, such as emptying classrooms and removing identified furniture, resources, and equipment from areas throughout school, is essential. Staff training for the risk assessments, procedures, and systems must also take place.

The school has remained open for the emergency care of vulnerable children and children of essential workers throughout the lockdown, inclusive of the Easter holidays. However, we will close at the end of today for half term to enable the thorough, deep clean of the school.

After half term, the timescale is as follows:

1 June: School will reopen for the eligible children who have been attending school throughout the lockdown period. The children may attend on the days required.

8 June: Eligible children who have been attending school throughout the lockdown period, will attend school full time. The children will move to pod groups, and the new timetables and systems will be implemented.

Children will be required to attend in their school uniform. Trainers are acceptable footwear.

15 June: New children who have been given a place will attend school full time.

Places were allocated:

- working within current government guidelines
- based on the school's capacity, informed by our risk assessments
- to the children of parents who indicated that they required a place for their child/ren by Tuesday 19 May.

Allocation of places for 15 June, is based on the order of priority, set out below:

1. New places for children of essential workers and vulnerable children
2. Reception children who requested a place
3. Year 1 children who requested a place

Teachers will continue to provide home learning support for all children. Over the next two weeks, I will finalise the details of the implementation plan, which will be shared with parents.

Thank you for your continuing support during these challenging and difficult times. I wish everyone a restful, safe half term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. C. McManus

Head teacher