



# Lawley Primary School

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22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are fully aware from the Government announcement, all primary schools have been asked to consider wider opening from 1st June whilst continuing to offer places to vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

In reading the following information, I do ask you to be aware that, “**No school can make any decision until the Government confirms its five key criteria for reopening it can be met.**” This decision may not be made until Thursday 28th May. However, following Department for Education and Telford and Wrekin’s guidelines, we are planning ahead for the return of the prioritised groups, with an **incremental approach** with the necessary caution required in order to maintain staff and pupils’ safety and well-being.

Earlier this week we were able to contact parents and identify numbers of children who would return to school if wider opening is to go ahead for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. **This exercise enabled us to see that the numbers indicate quite clearly that there will be no possibility of year groups 2,3,4 or 5** returning to school this term. At the time of writing, the initial phases of wider opening, with the required social distancing means that we simply do not have space for anymore children. However home learning will continue for these children and we look forward to welcoming them back to school in September. We will communicate to you nearer the time about their new class teachers.

**Monday 1st June.** School will not be opening more widely for children in any year group. It will remain open for the children of critical workers and those invited by the school to attend only. Please note that the key-worker list has not changed since it was first introduced. We understand other sectors are going back to work and the Government have asked employers to be considerate of childcare issues as schools remain closed.

**Monday 15th June,** Reception children will be invited to return

**Wednesday 17th June,** Year 1 children will be invited to return

**Monday 22nd June,** Year 6 children will be invited to return

Further information for year group return to school will be sent out nearer the return date.

Please note, if you have changed your mind since the telephone call and do want your child in school (Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) you need to contact us and we will add you to a waiting list. If you no longer want the place, please forward an e-mail to [Lawley.primary@taw.org.uk](mailto:Lawley.primary@taw.org.uk) and let us know.

Kind regards,

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Chair of the Governing Body