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Dear Parent and carer of children in EYFS (pre school and reception), Year 1 and Year 2,

Returning to School Monday 22nd June

I hope you and your family are keeping well.

We have now been open for nearly 2 weeks with 9 children attending the school.

As stated in the previous letter we have reviewed our provision and intend to keep to the same model of schooling from 8:45- 12:30pm Monday -Friday. If your child is in Year 6, Year 1, reception class or Pre School (not 2 year olds) please can you let us know as soon as possible and by 3pm on Wednesday 17th June if you intend to send your child back to school on Monday 22nd June.

We have no plans as of yet to open to more children but will be reviewing this on Thursday 2nd July.

How will we keep your child safe?

We have carried out an extensive and thorough risk assessment. Below is a summary of the measures we can control to make the school as safe as possible.

We need you to work with us on these measures as the safety of the children and staff coming back to school is a collective responsibility.

- We will be checking with you each day that your child is well. No child will be allowed to attend schools if they are displaying **any** symptoms of **any** illness.
- We will also be asking you if anyone you live with is displaying symptoms and your child will not be able to attend the setting if this is the case.
- We will be washing hands at the start of the day, before and after playtimes, before and after any snacks and at the end of the day. We will also be asking children to wash hands after they have coughed or sneezed.
- PPE will be worn by staff if a child develops symptoms of CoVid 19 while attending the setting and also for cleaning the isolation area after the child leaves.
- If your child wears a mask to school then this **must** be removed and disposed of on entry to school. If you require your child to wear a mask while in school these must be provided by you in a zipped bag.
- All spaces used will have double lined lidded bins for tissues.
- All visitors **MUST** wash hands with hand sanitiser before entering the school and also wash hands on leaving.
- Parents **MUST NOT** enter the school building. Please email or phone with any queries. **The office CANNOT deal with face to face queries during this time.**



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- Social distancing measures will be put into place with desks set out 2m apart. All children will have their own set of equipment to use. In EYFS we will be limiting resources put out and these will only be used in that bubble.

However, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary aged children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff at all times. In deciding to send your children to school you must take this into account.

- All toys, surfaces and tables will be thoroughly cleaned each day.
- Toilets – these will be cleaned regularly throughout the morning.
- We will, of course, inform you if any child or member of staff develops symptoms, tests positive to Covid 19 and the resulting action we would need to take.

Arriving at school – school starts at 8:45

All parents and carers must use the new green gate on to the playground. We will NOT be opening this gate until 8:40. Please wait with your child on the playground at the designated area. Children are not allowed to play on the playground or on equipment before or after the start of the school day.

All children MUST stay with parents and line up at the designated areas in the playground before coming into school. Please do not arrive earlier. We will not be having a member of staff on duty before the start of school.

Collection from school – school ends at 12:30pm for all children. If you are a key worker and need any child care in the afternoon, then please let us know.

At the end of the session we will be dismissing children from the playground. **We need ALL children to be met by an adult.**

There are signs outside the playground telling you where to wait and parents MUST observe social distancing.

Free school Meals

From Monday 8th June can order a school packed lunch to take home. If your child is not attending school then the Food packages will continue.

We are also supplying children in class 1 who attend school a packed lunch as part of Universal Free School Meals.

What will the learning in school look like?

We have discussed this and are working to a set of agreed principles. Please see our website for more information. For the first few days we will be ensuring that your child is settling into the new way of working. EYFS children will be following the EYFS curriculum, Year 1 will have an emphasis on reading and phonics. We are planning activities that use the outdoors wherever possible. We will be doing purposeful learning with opportunities for lots of talk and ensuring that your child's wellbeing



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and safety is at the heart of what we do. As you know, using the outdoors is one of our key principles at Madron and we are blessed with a magnificent site for this. We will be aiming to spend at least 2 hours outside every day.

What does my child need to know?

School will be different from what your child has known so far. We have needed to rearrange the classrooms, reduce the amount of furniture and clear away items such as comfy chairs and book areas. We have made a short film to help you and your child know what school will look like.

Equipment

In Year 1 and Year 6, the children will have their own pencils etc in a plastic bag on their table.

We will have a selection of books out each day and then these will be put away and rotated with other books.

We will provide cups for water, if your child brings in a water bottle, we can wash this at school for each day.

Sun hats and sun cream – please make sure your child has a hat to wear and also sun cream in a named bottle. We cannot apply sun cream for your child so please make sure your child has some on before coming to school.

Uniform

We are expecting all the children to wear uniform. However, if your child has grown out of uniform and you have not been able to replace it then please wear PE kit. **Please make sure that this is washed daily. This is a recommendation from the Government.**

Attendance

The decision to send your child back to school is yours. Attendance is not compulsory for any year group. If you choose not to send your child into school at this point there will not be any attendance issues.

If you do take up a place and for some reason your child does not attend then please phone the office as you usually would do to report an absence.

Home Learning after half term

With increasing demands on staff to help staff the provision in school after half term we will be using more externally prepared materials for school such as Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize. We will not be setting home learning for children in the target year groups where there is provision in school but will direct you towards appropriate resources for your child. If your child is attending school they can access this work on the days they are not in.



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Working together

As I stated earlier, we have risk assessed what we can control within our school grounds. If this is to be successful, then we need your support to adhere to our guidelines. We also need ALL parents and carers to be following the government guidance as well. This is our joint responsibility for the whole school community.

We will be reviewing our provision on Thursday 12nd July 8th June for the following two weeks or more frequently if government guidance changes.

We are looking forward to opening the school again but need our approach to be cautious, safe, phased and controlled. We hope you will support the school in our plan to achieve this.

Finally, we have sent out a short questionnaire to all families returning to school about what lock down has been like for you and your family. This is so we can pick up on any worries or concerns you or your child may have. I urge you to respond to this questionnaire. None of us have been through anything like this before in our lifetime. All answers will be confidential.

We are looking forward to welcoming more children back and to continued working together with you during this time.

Keep safe and stay well,

Kindest regards,

Hilary Tyreman Head teacher



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