



Dear Parent / Carer,

I wanted to write to you following the announcements by the Prime Minister this week and the Government's plan to gradually ease the lockdown restrictions, including school re-openings. The Government has said there are five tests that need to be met if the restrictions are to be eased and so the position may well change. However, we are planning on the basis that these five tests will be met. I hope the information below, as it stands now relating to schools across England and therefore your child's education at Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy, is helpful.

From now until 1st June, Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy will continue to operate as now, i.e. provision is closed to all except children classed as vulnerable or children of key workers. If your child is not in these limited categories, please continue to make best use of the online learning that is available so that they keep up with their education as much as possible.

From Monday 1st June, the Government has said there will be a phased return of schools and colleges. For primary schools, like ours, it "expects children to be able to return to early years settings, and for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to be back in school in smaller sizes", so that "the youngest children, and those preparing for the transition to secondary school, have maximum time with their teachers". Children will be taught in class sizes of no more than 15.

Further ahead, the Government has said that its ambition is for all primary school children (i.e. the year groups above as well as Years 2 to 5 inclusive) to return to school before the summer holidays for a month if feasible, though this will be kept under review and will depend upon risk assessments made by the Government.

I would like to give you every assurance that we are already working very hard to ensure that when we open, whether for a limited number of year groups or for all pupils, we will be meeting the Government's guidance on social distancing and infection control, and that we will have produced our own comprehensive risk assessments.

I will be writing to you again with further information, including about allocated drop-off and collection times, and the process for doing so to help minimise adult-to-adult contact, such as the entrance to use.

We would also ask that you continue to play your part in the return to school. For instance:

- No one should come to school if they are displaying symptoms of coronavirus.
- If your child needs to be brought to, and collected from, school, only one parent should do this.
- Please do not gather at entrance gates or doors, and do not enter the school site unless you have a pre-arranged appointment

I am sure that many of you will have questions on this. I hope that these can be answered, broadly, at this [FAQ here](#). However, please do let me know if you have any further questions. I will do my best to answer these but I hope you will appreciate that I will be limited to what the Government has so far made public.

Finally, I wanted to let you know how proud I have been of the pupils over the last few weeks. Whether they are among the small number who have been in school or, like most, they have been at home, I know that they have been a credit to themselves. A number of you have been kind enough to tell me how they are getting on, and what learning they have been doing, and of course I get updates from our staff.

I do enjoy hearing what they are doing, so please do keep letting me know and please keep encouraging them to keep up with their studies.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. Thompson
Principal