



# Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School

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Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your patience regarding the gradual re-opening of our school. We realise that many of you will have been wondering what will be happening and when.

As stated in the letter sent out on 21<sup>st</sup> May, we felt that it was important to wait to see what developments occurred over the holiday period.

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Durham County Council stated in a press release that given the information they had received in the last few days, they were now recommending that schools DO NOT begin their phased reopening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 until at least 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

We are following Durham's guidance and will therefore begin our gradual re-opening on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

As we explained before half-term, school will be quite different for the children when they return and they will be organised into 'bubbles.' On Friday, we will send out information about which bubble your child will be in, which members of staff will be responsible for each bubble as well as the staggered start and finish times for each of the bubbles. There will be 2 bubbles in Year 6 and 4 bubbles in both Reception and Year 1. However, we realise that you may need to start preparing your child for this. We are now able to provide you with the following information to support you and your children:

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bubble 1 to return to school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bubble 2 to return to school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Bubbles 1 & 2 to return to school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Bubbles 3 & 4 to return to school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reception Bubbles 1 & 2 to return to school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception Bubbles 3 & 4 to return to school

Key worker and vulnerable children will continue to access school in the same way as normal – even though our numbers are certainly growing for this group.

Obviously we are working exceptionally hard at the moment to prepare the school and grounds for this gradual re-opening. I am sure you will agree that this process cannot be rushed, as it is vitally important that we get this right to ensure everyone is safe.

We would also like to reassure parents and carers of children in Nursery and Years 2 – 5 that you have not been forgotten about! Whilst there is no firm date yet for these year groups to return, we will continue to set work online as well as the daily Twitter challenges in exactly the same way as we have been doing since March.

Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions at all: [j.davis@lanchesterep.net](mailto:j.davis@lanchesterep.net) or [m.knowles600@durhamlearning.net](mailto:m.knowles600@durhamlearning.net)

Thank you all so much for your understanding, support and patience during these very challenging times.

Regards,

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