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INSET Day and plans for reopening of Bretforton Village School

Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools are about to take the first steps towards reopening for children on June 1st, following that directive from central government. As I am sure you will appreciate, after more than two months away from school and with social distancing measures and partial lockdown still in place, arrangements for children to return to school in these circumstances require incredibly careful thought and comprehensive planning. Trust leaders and staff at every level have been working around the clock to make these preparations and will continue to do so as the situation and guidance from the government changes.

As part of our preparations, we are holding an INSET day **next Friday 22nd May**, which will mean that both Bretforton Village School and Bengeworth Academy are **closed to all children including those of Key Workers** in order for all members of staff to receive important training and prepare for re-opening.

We realise that many parents will be apprehensive about children coming into school after hearing the consistent message that it is unsafe to go out and to be near other people. However, the government objective is to minimise the transfer of Coronavirus whilst re-establishing a functional society; schools are required to play their vital role in that. Therefore, we are asking for your support and most of all, your trust, that our staff have put everything in place to help get society moving again whilst prioritising our environment to be as safe as possible for your children.

We acknowledge the level of anxiety that parents are likely to feel and anticipate that many will want to keep their children at home initially. There is no expectation for children to attend as we start to re-open for our youngest pupils, and there is no need to explain the rational and irrational fears that all of us are processing. We understand that as families start to adjust to new messages advocating a return to school, return to work and to re-establish normal routines, children will begin to attend school in increasing numbers and the government will require us to open for more year groups.

Everyone at Bretforton Village School, and in the multi-academy trust, is looking forward to seeing children return to school, continuing their learning with their friends and teachers who have all been missing each other. There is no greater thanks we can give parents for all of your support at home in helping children continue to learn, than to ensure that they return to school safely and reignite a passion for learning that enables the missed teaching time and opportunities of the last two months to be recaptured.

Our Reception and Year One pupils will begin a phased return from June 1st, but we do not have the resources or facilities to operate a full timetable for our pupils with such stringent distancing measures in place. We are therefore unable to open to pupils full time until the guidance allows us to increase group sizes in school.





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Specific information regarding the arrangements for all pupils will follow via email during the next week. Whilst we will endeavour to communicate as efficiently and clearly as we can, please bear with us as national guidance is very comprehensive, continually evolving and changing daily. For further information, a summary document which explains national expectations from the government can be viewed [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you and your children again very soon.

Yours sincerely

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