



The Whartons Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for your returned surveys in relation to the possible wider opening of The Whartons from the 1st June. The time taken to share your thoughts and concerns is much appreciated. It has been extremely helpful during the last week.

I have spent some time reviewing your points and carrying out in depth risk assessments (provided by the local authority) with other member of school staff and governors.

As a result, I have written a proposal policy for potential 'phased' wider opening at The Whartons. I hope this addresses the questions and concerns raised through the parent questionnaire alongside staff conversations.

I would like to take this opportunity to clearly state that this policy can only be brought in to action when all the relevant criteria have been met by the government and the scientific evidence supports the move.

Unfortunately, the next announcements from government scientists is not due until 28th May. Only at this time will head teachers be able to make final decisions and set precise dates when their individual schools are able to safely start to open more widely. Plans will have to be dynamic in response to possible changing staffing and wider evidence.

It is my plan to have no wider opening on 1st June to give at least one day for teachers to 'walk through' new procedures and plan resources. Therefore the earliest date for the first group of extra children would be 2nd June. During this time though, we will be open to vulnerable groups and key worker's children as usual.

I hope this is helpful and I will be in touch as soon as I have more clarity on specific dates for specific year groups.

I hope everyone manages some down time over the half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)

