



“Success For All”

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Dear Parent/Carer

Recent Government guidance states that from 1st June schools may be able to extend their opening arrangements, the guidance states that where possible and safe to do so schools should begin a phased return of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 students.

We have been working on this return since the announcement and wanted to make you aware of the current situation.

What we know;

- At this time there has been no change to the current guidance.
- The 1st June is not a fixed date for students to return - Netherhall will only start to consider a return when we believe it is safe for students, parents and teachers to do so.
- Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who are [classified as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions](#) have been advised to shield. We do not expect these children to be attending school.
- Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.
- If a child, young person or a member of staff lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting.
- If a child, young person or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, as set out in the [COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable guidance](#), it is advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and, in the case of children, they are able to understand and follow those instructions. This may not be possible for very young children and older children without the capacity to adhere to the instructions on social distancing. If stringent social distancing cannot be adhered to, we do not expect those individuals to attend.
- It is unlikely, if not impossible to guarantee that social distancing will be adhered to 100% of the time but where possible we will endeavor to maintain the 2m guidance.
- The Government has said no fines will be issued during this time for children not attending school.

What a return would look like for your child;

- All pupils would be based in one classroom with a maximum class size of 15.
- Pupils will not be allowed to socialise outside of their allotted class.
- Pupils are highly unlikely to have their regular class teacher.
- Where possible pupils will have to observe social distancing.
- Pupils will regularly have to wash their hands.
- Pupils will have restricted access to outside areas in order to reduce social contact.

- Pupils in receipt of free school meals will receive a packed lunch, all other pupils can purchase or bring their own packed lunch. All lunches will be eaten in their classroom where the pupil is in receipt of free school meals.

What a return would look like for you;

- In order to reduce the numbers of parent and students on the site at any one point;
 - The start and finish times to the day would be staggered.
 - There would be no entry to the school building at any point
 - Drop off and pick up would be managed in a “Supermarket” style queuing system
- In order to reduce the spread of the virus;
 - Social distancing would have to be adhered to at all times.

What school will put in place;

- Will ensure that social distancing is applied where possible
- Will ensure that regular cleaning and sanitizing is taking place
- Will monitor the health of all staff and students

In order to continue with our planning for a possible return to school for your child’s year group, we would be grateful if you could contact school via email to juniors@nlconline.org.uk to advise of your intentions of a return to school for your child on 1st June 2020.

We look forward to hearing from you with your responses by Wednesday 20th May 2020.

Once we have a clear idea around numbers and we have finalised a plan that will keep pupils, parents and staff safe we will be in contact again with more detail.

Yours sincerely



Michael Kent
Principal



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