Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well and coping in this difficult time for everyone.

**Key Worker and Vulnerable Children**

Provision for these children does not change. Childcare will be given for key worker children (Those identified on the government list) where there is no other means for children to be cared for at home. Schools have already identified vulnerable pupils who need to attend school, and this will continue.

This offer is 9am until 3pm every day. It is important to note that any children joining us under these categories before 1st June will remain with the same group of children after that date. If your child is in Rec, Y1 or Y6, they would NOT be joining their regular class. The guidance is very clear about this and it supports minimising any cross-infection.

**Wider re-opening of schools for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils**

We know that like us you are deeply concerned about the recent government announcement of children returning to school on Tuesday 2nd June for the following year groups: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. (Please note on Monday 1st June the school staff will be a Teacher Day at Ward End Primary)

As a school we have put plans in place to keep your children as safe as possible. Your children will be taught in classrooms with only 12 pupils, they will have to sit at their own table. This will create a very different environment to what the children are usually in at school.

- We aim to keep and maintain social distancing between children/children, and children and staff, however in school this will be very difficult and this cannot be guaranteed at all times.
- We cannot as a school guarantee that your child/children will not become infected on their return, however the school will endeavour to maintain a high standard of hygiene and cleaning programmes.
- There is currently limited scientific data regarding transmission of COVID-19 in the school environment: child to child, from child to adult and adult to child.

**To help us when returning to school we ask for your support in the following:**

- Only one adult brings and collects your child
- A 2 metre distance is kept between other parents and staff
- If you wish for your Year 6 child to walk home from school on their own and you feel it is safe to do so (please indicate if you are happy for this to take place in the email)

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We also ask you use the following entrances/exists in the school grounds:

- **Nursery** to use the front entrance to the nursery classrooms
- **Reception children** to use the main school entrance from St Margarets Road
- **Year 1 children** to use the small gate on Washbrook Road
- **Year 6 children** to use the breakfast club entrance and main office depending on the group they are allocated

The times of the school day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are 9am to 3pm Monday to Thursday and Friday 9am to 12 noon.

**For nursery times please see attached sheet.**

Please note the school will not be offering breakfast club or after school clubs for the rest of the summer term.

Face to face meetings with parents and teachers will be limited and any concerns should be dealt with on the phone.

Unfortunately there will be no class or year group assemblies for the rest of the academic year.

To help us plan for a wider opening of school on Tuesday 2nd June we would be grateful if you can reply to the following email addresses by 4pm on Wednesday 20th May for:

- Nursery children - nursery@wardend.bham.sch.uk
- Reception children - reception@wardend.bham.sch.uk
- Year 1 children - year1@wardend.bham.sch.uk
- Year 6 children - year6@wardend.bham.sch.uk

Please include in your email:

- your child's full name
- the class they are in
- will your child be attending from 1st June?
- If your child is in Year 6, do you give consent for your child to walk home?

Please ensure your reply is to the correct email for your child's year group.

I would like to remind parents that all off site trips for children are cancelled during the summer term. We thank you all for your ongoing support and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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