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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support and patience whilst we have been making our re-opening plans. In order to do this as safely as possible, the following is being planned:

- **Monday 1st June - Reception**
- **Thursday 4th June- Year 1**
- **Monday 8th June - Year 6**
- This arrangement will allow us to provide high quality learning and well- being support. It also means that we can maintain some social distancing, even though this will be difficult, high standards of hygiene and keep children almost as a safe contained group for school work, breaks and lunches so they only socialise with their little group.
- There will be an offer of a packed lunch to purchase, rather than a hot meal. This will be offered free for those in receipt of free school meals. Children may choose to bring their own packed lunch into school also.
- Home Learning will continue to be provided for all children who remain at home via the school website or a homework pack for those who can't access the website, so these children are still supported with learning. This will be uploaded at the start of the week. As many of our staff will need to be teaching the groups of children in school they will be unable to update this as regularly or make the regular phone calls home.
- We will continue to offer provision for critical key worker children in Y2,3,4,5, however, there will be a limit on the number of children we are able to provide places for due to the Government group size restrictions. Please contact school for an application form if you are a critical key worker and now require a place for your child.
- We will continue to maintain the extended day provision for the children in our key worker group. Government guidelines are that we do not mix groups wherever possible

so we cannot offer this provision to all children returning. If you have any questions about the extended provision please email A2190@taw.org.uk or call school.

I know all of you will be anxious to know what measures we are putting in place to reduce risk in our school. The Apley team have been following all available guidance to develop a robust plan, which ensures the best possible safety in school for all children and staff.

Some of the measures will include:

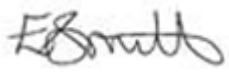
- Staggered drop off/collection times
- School building/Playground markings and signs to support social distancing
- Maximum group size of 15 with the same staff members
- Staggered breaks/lunchtimes – using different parts of the school grounds.
- Children will have their own table and own stationery to use.
- Increased ventilation in classrooms.
- Increased toilet cleaning and classroom cleaning with antiviral disinfectant.
- Children to bring own water bottle daily. Only lunchboxes and water bottles can be brought from home (no school bags necessary.)
- All children attending school, or members of their family, are entitled to a COVID-19 test if they have any symptoms.

We have been advised by the Local Authority that parents will not be penalised if they choose not to send their child/ren to school.

We will be sending letters with the specific details for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 later this week and we look forward to having more children back at school.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E. Smith
Headteacher