

Dear Parent /Carer

We wrote to you yesterday to update you on our current position, following the latest government announcements.

We are now in the process of planning our next steps and would like to ask for your help.

We continue to operate our childcare provision for those of you who are government identified key workers and for vulnerable children.

The Prime Minister has asked schools to prepare to begin to open for more children. In his statement he explained that the rate of infection remains too high to allow the reopening of schools to all children yet. However, the transmission rate has decreased and the aim is that by 1 June it will be safe for a greater number of children to return to education. As a result, the Government is asking schools to plan on this basis, ahead of confirmation of the scientific advice.

We have been asked to plan for the potential opening of schools to certain year groups of children, identified by the government, in a phased approach. In the first instance, this will be on a rota basis for small groups from the following years:

- Nursery
- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 6.

The Department for Education had provided the following guidance to schools

- No one with symptoms should attend a setting for any reason.
- Eligible children – including priority groups - are strongly encouraged to attend their education setting, unless they are self-isolating or they are clinically vulnerable (in which case they should follow medical advice).
- If someone in their household is extremely clinically vulnerable, they should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to, and the child is able to understand and follow those instructions.
- Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.

To enable us to plan, we would like your help in establishing the number of children we need to plan to accommodate. **Please complete the boxes below and return this form if your child is eligible AND you intend to take up provision.**

Name of pupil/s		Class/es:
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Reason for eligibility:

Key worker? Yes / No	If yes – what is your role?			Pleased tick to confirm that you have attached evidence of role – please see below for guidance.
Vulnerable student? Yes / No	The school will already have the evidence of this			
Eligible year group	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 6

Parental name	Parent signature	Date

If you would like more information, the government has produced the following document for parents and carers <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Please can you return the completed form to **Weelsby Academy (not Strand)** by midday on Monday 18 May.

Alternatively you can take a photograph of the completed form and email it back to info@strandpa.org.uk

Yours sincerely

L Snow

Head of Academy