



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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Dear Parents / Carers of the children of Calverton Primary school

I would like to explain the phased re-opening of Calverton school.

This is a very difficult time for many people across our country and we are all very concerned for the safety of ourselves and our loved ones.

It is my responsibility to make sure that the children, staff and visitors to Calverton school are safe. During this national Coronavirus pandemic, assurances that all will be safe from the virus whilst in school, is something that I cannot promise, but we will as a staff team do our very best to mitigate risks for contracting coronavirus. But these procedures and practices are not made for young children, and social distancing will be an impossible challenge, likewise making sure there are no traces of an unseen virus will be a cleaning nightmare.

I want to thank parents and carers for responding to our survey of parents feelings about allowing your child to return to school. Of those that replied 6% said they wanted their child to return. This has really helped with the risk assessment planning and the survey will be sent out on a regular basis to see if parent opinion changes as the national picture improves.

We will continue to open for vulnerable and key workers children and continue to post online work for all children who can access it, as well as send home paper work for those unable to go online and for those year groups that the Government has deemed should remain at home.

My personal approach will be a steady and safe opening, I appreciate this may not be fast enough for some families, but we will not compromise on safety for anyone, with such a deadly disease. We are still awaiting confirmation from Newham Council that our plans are safe enough and we will not be able to confirm until the council and the governors have approved our risk assessment.

Of the year groups that the Government has said schools can start the phase reopening of classes, Calverton school will be opening in slow but steady stages, and we hope to reopen on the **15th June** for one year group each week from either Reception, Year 1, 6. Parents will be informed later next week once we are in receipt of the go ahead from the Council & Governors

Key features of the re-opening that parents need to be aware of;

- your child will not be with their own teacher regularly or with all their classmates but will be in a bubble of 7 or 10 children (depending upon age)
- The curriculum within school and online will be greatly affected.
- There will be strict hygiene rules, including handwashing and rules around touching of surfaces and resources
- Movement around the school will be restricted for all children, staff and parents
- The lunch provided by school will be a hot packed lunch with less choice served in the classrooms or outside
- If a child or member of staff develops symptoms of Covid19 then all the other members that have attended school within that bubble will be asked to remain at home in self isolation for 14 days
- Drop off and collection of children will be different and parents will need to support the stricter social distancing measures during this time and the set entrances and exits of school

The children within those year groups whose parents decide to keep their child at home, there will be no punishment or fines for non attendance.

I do hope this has helped to explain how Calverton school is planning for the reopening in a safe but steady manner. Please be assured that further communication will follow.

On behalf of Calverton school, please stay safe.
Kindest Regards

Mrs Crompton
Headteacher

