

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter on Wednesday, I am writing to confirm that we are going ahead with our plans for a phased reopening from Monday, 1st June. In the Prime Minister's briefing last night, Boris Johnson confirmed that the five tests for easing lockdown have been met.

The Recovery Plan I sent out on Wednesday has been updated based on the number of children we now know are attending from Monday. To ensure the safety of children, families and staff and make the transition back to school as easy as possible **we have revised the timings of the school day:**

Key Worker/vulnerable children 8:30 - 3.00

Year 6: 8:40 - 2:50 (Fridays: 8:40 – 12:20)

Year 1: 8:50 – 2:40 (Fridays: 8:50 – 12:10)

EYFS: 9:00 – 2:30 (Fridays: 9:00 – 12:00)

Staff and governors feel that, by staggering the start and finish times of every group, it will be easier to maintain social distancing. Gates will open at the time stated for each group so please be at school by that time. We recommend that any queue for the Car Park gate (Reception and Year 6) should form in the direction of the Memorial Hall and any queue for the main pupil gate (Key Worker and Year 1) should form in the direction of the Children's Centre. We are working with the Parish Council to mark pavements outside of the school and erect signs to assist parents to stay 2m apart.

The most up-to-date version of the Recovery Plan will always be on the school website.

Also on Wednesday, I sent out a Covid-19 Home School Agreement. If you have not yet done so, please return a signed copy to office@marden.kent.sch.uk or e-mail to say that you accept the agreement. If you do not do this, **we will assume that you agree** the contents when you bring your child into school.

The staff have prepared videos for you to share with your children to explain the new arrangements. Please note, the Year 1 and Year 6 ones were prepared before we revised the timings of the school day and the **timings in this letter are correct.**

Reception: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoilBGUn8aU>

Year 1: <https://youtu.be/JRofY7XkgaM> (Pod 4) <https://youtu.be/15iWL1E1OHk> (Pod 5)

Year 6: <https://youtu.be/122MhkP4gpo>

Key worker/vulnerable: <https://youtu.be/Eo6gmfAVcyw>

We are looking forward to welcoming back Year 6 at 8:40 on Monday, Year 1 at 8:50 on Tuesday and Reception at 9:00 on Wednesday. We remain open for vulnerable and Key Worker children but will see you at the main pupil gate at 8:30 from Monday.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Take care,

Tracy Thomas
Headteacher