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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Proposed Partial Reopening of Schools

I just wanted to update you regarding our planning for the partial school reopening after half term. We have been busy completing risk assessments and unpicking the government's guidance over the last few days but still need a little time to finalise our plans so please bear with us a little longer, we are nearly there.

Having met with governors 'virtually' last night, I am able to answer at least a few of your questions in the meantime and hopefully also set your expectations. This will <u>not</u> be a return to school as normal and cannot safely be so as I am sure you will appreciate.

- The school will <u>only be open to the children of "Critical Workers,"</u> on the 1st June. This is to allow us time to adjust any plans in light of any new guidance which is issued by the government prior to opening. It is essential that this is pre-booked via the office email, <u>office@terrington-st-clement.norfolk.sch.uk</u>, at least <u>1 day prior to attending</u>. If you have not pre-booked, due to the increasing numbers on site, we will be unable to accept your child on site that day. All new families making use of the 'Critical Workers' provision will be asked to complete the form at the end of this letter (paper copies are available in school).
- On 2nd June, we aim to open our school to children in years R, 1 and 6 (subject to confirmation from the government that this should go ahead - this has not actually been confirmed yet).
 Unfortunately we are unable to re-open our Nursery provision due to social distancing rules and the safety of our staff unless you are a Critical Worker.
- The school day will be staggered both in terms of start times and home times and only one adult will be able to attend with each child - times will be shared shortly.
- Learners will be taught, eat and socialise within a small group along with 2 members of staff.
 No more than a maximum of 15 will be grouped together in one space with groups arranged to keep existing classes together. Where possible, social distancing will be implemented, for example sitting at separate tables. Different groups will not mix to minimise the risk of any





potential exposure to children and staff. For this reason, <u>we may have to close the school to some groups at short notice if staff are unwell</u>, although clearly we will do our best to avoid this if we possibly can.

- Whilst the government would like children in the year groups stated to attend, and we have
 planned our provision with this in mind, attendance will not be compulsory and our school will
 not be judged on this. You can as parents/carers, who know your personal family
 circumstances best, quite rightly make this judgement for yourself.
- We will continue to provide the home learning support as we are doing now as teachers will have time during the school day to maintain this.
- If demand increases for Critical Worker children we may need to review and change our provision for other year groups.

We will continue to finalise our plans in line with H&S advice issued both from the DfE and NCC. Our priority is, and will continue to be, the wellbeing of the school community; our learners, staff and everyone's families. We are looking forward to seeing some of you again really soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss A Conner, Headteacher

Critical Worker Provision (Roles essential to the COVID-19 Response)

| Child/ren's Names | |
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| Year Group/s | |

*Please Indicate which of the Critical Worker Categories your occupation falls within and explain your role (We are asking you to provide this in case we need to prioritise provision in the future):

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| Category | Role Description* | |
| Health and social care This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment. | | |
| Education and childcare This includes: | | |
| Key public services This includes: those essential to the running of the justice system religious staff charities and workers delivering key frontline services those responsible for the management of the deceased journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting | | |
| Local and national government This only includes: • those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response • or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies | | |
| Food and other necessary goods This includes those involved in food: | | |
| Transport This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass. | | |
| Utilities, communication and financial services This includes: staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure) the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage) information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services) postal services and delivery payments providers waste disposal sectors | | |