

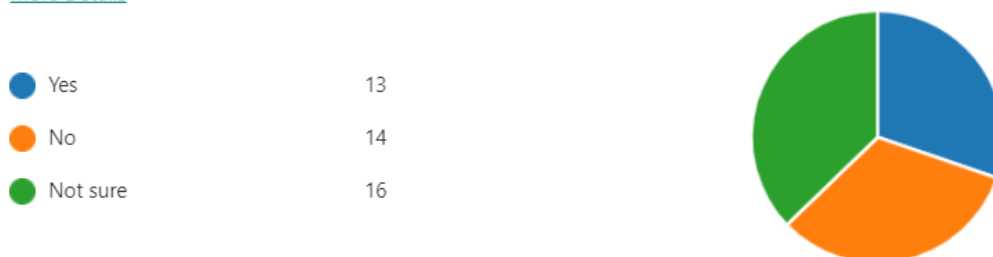
Dear Parents/Carers,

I thought it necessary following the recent Government updates and the Y6 Parental Questionnaire to give you a further update. Out of 50 pupils we have received replies from 44 parents. We have had some lovely comments, which are always gratefully received.

The outcomes of which are below:

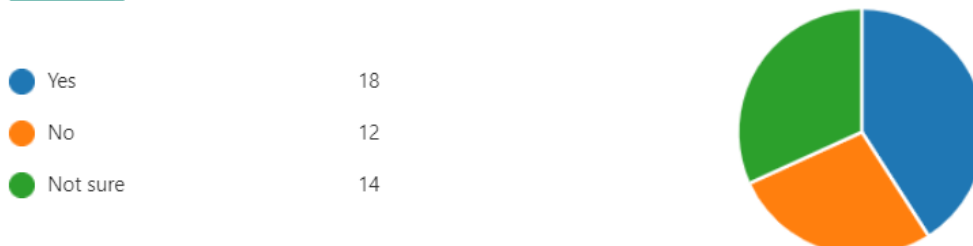
Taking into account the current Scientific and Government advice do you feel able to send your child back to school on Monday 1st June?

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Would your mind change if we could guarantee that: children would be in groups of no more 8; they were following the 2 metre social distancing guidance; that they worked with the same member of staff throughout their time at school?

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We are still in the early stages of planning for the return of Y6 children, however, having taken note of the guidance I want to give you an impression of what Y6 will likely be like when the children return – **It will be very different to life before the closure.**

- Children in groups of 6 maximum. (They will remain in that group until the end of term)
- Each group to have 1 or 2 adults only for this time.
- Groups to work in isolation from each other.
- Groups to have staggered arrival and end times.
- Groups to have staggered breaks and lunchtimes. (Lunch likely to be in classrooms)
- Groups will follow the 2m social distancing rule.
- No pupils will be allowed in the Office area of the school
- No Parents will be permitted into school without an appointment, then only in exceptional circumstances.
- **Those returning to school should do so full time, this is not childcare, but a return to school.**

- The curriculum will be adjusted and not normal. (Further details to follow)
- For those who chose not to return to school in Y6 and in the other year groups we will continue to provide materials.
- **If and when we do reopen for Year 6**, parents will need to give us, at the very least, a weeks' notice in terms of their children returning to school so that staffing ratios can be maintained.

Key worker groups/children will continue as normal.

Obviously, I have no wish to add to your worries but I do wish to be honest, hence the list above to show you what life will be like for Year 6.

I recognise the limitations with 'home-schooling' the difficulties it can cause for families, certainly, if like me you are attempting to work with more than one child it is hard and can be unsuccessful. I would say to you please do not worry, ask yourself are the children safe and are they happy? This is the priority.

Whilst I agree it is very much easier to ensure Y6 follow social distancing rules in comparison to the young children at the Infants, I do have my reservations and am not fully convinced by the Governments arguments. I also wonder what affects the idea of fixed groupings will have on the mental well-being of the children over the length of the half term.

I am committed to work with everyone to ensure we fulfil our obligations moving forward, but will very much respect the decisions parents make when considering whether it is therefore safe to send their children back to school. I recognise it is a truly difficult decision to make – I am pleased to talk to any parent regarding the possible re-opening of Y6. Please email the school and I will be happy to ring you back.

Once we have detailed plans in place I will share these with you all.

As always, I hope this letter finds you and your families well,

Please take care,

Paul Dixon