



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**RE: Parent Survey**

Dear parents and carers

The governors and I have been giving very careful consideration to the government's announcements that schools should reopen. We are awaiting guidance from the unions and the local authority about this and have not made a decision on when or how we will reopen.

We know that when we reopen we will have to work in smaller groups of 15 children in a classroom, and that resources cannot be shared. If one member of the group (including the staff that work with them) contract COVID 19, the whole group will have to self isolate for two weeks.

As you can imagine, this is challenging to plan for as we have large open play spaces and gardens, we do not sit children at tables and they play with toys. We are making sure that our plans take account of the safety and well-being of children and staff.

As we plan to reopen (whether this be June, July or September) we will need to know how many of you would send in your children. We will need to use our buildings differently, entrances and exits will change. We may need to change sessional times. We will not be offering any full-time day care or all-day provision. We will still have to prioritise the children of key workers who have to leave their homes to work.

It is vital to us that you answer the survey which can be found here: <https://www.fans.waltham.sch.uk/fans-covid-19-parent-survey>. You will also receive a text message with the link. Please answer it even if you choose not to return to nursery.

Depending on the response we get, we may have to prioritise a group, such as those going up to primary school in September. So simply answering the survey may not guarantee that we can offer your child provision. However if very few families choose to return we may offer play sessions to those that want to use the provision.

We may have to base the provision for both Nursery Schools at one site, as our priority for safety will be cleaning and we have a very small site team between the two schools. However if we have a big response we will consider the number of children that we will need to provide care for to make sure that it is as safe as it can be.

My greatest hope is that this situation will pass and that we can resume our lives. Until that point in time your child's safety and the safety of the team that work with them is my priority.

On behalf of the governing body and the senior leadership team, thank you for your support in this matter.

Warm regards

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