



Dear Parents/Carers

At Abbots Green we are proud to be part of Unity Schools Partnership. As a trust of schools we support one another but also balance this with the needs of our own children and wider families.

Whilst we consider further what we can put into place for our youngest and oldest pupils in school, we of course want to see children back at school when it is safe to do so.

We have seen the Government announcement that if conditions allow there may be a phased reopening of primary schools from 1 June with children in Reception classes, Year 1 and Year 6 to be the first to return, and that it is hoped secondary pupils taking exams next year will have some time in school this term which we assume is those in Years 10 and 12. We await further information from Government about the details.

We will be closely following Government guidance that we expect about the possible phased reopening of schools. The safety of both children and staff are paramount to us and we will be working during May on plans to maximise whatever expectations are set out for social distancing in schools. We will be contacting parents about the detailed arrangements that will be needed and when children in different classes will be invited back to school. We do not yet have plans in place that will mean all children in the year groups that Government has prioritised will attend school every day. We will be talking with trade unions and colleagues in other schools in our areas and will be contacting parents again as soon as we have more information.

Not all our staff are able to return to school yet and we will be making sure that we have sufficient staff for the number of children that will be in school.

We recognise that parents of children in Reception classes, Year 1 and Year 6 may be anxious about what schools partially reopening will mean and we will welcome their thoughts on our plans as they emerge in the coming weeks. We will provide more information as we have it about expectations for other year groups, and the children who have already been attending school.

Many thanks for your ongoing support at this time.

Mrs Ang Morrison

Head teacher