

14th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday, we are beginning to plan the possible partial re-opening of the school from the week beginning Monday 1st June.

There has now been additional guidance for special schools from the Government and it states:

Special schools, special post-16 institutions and hospital schools should work towards welcoming back as many children and young people as can be safely catered for in their setting. They may want to prioritise attendance based on key transitions and the impact on life chances and development, and to consider creating part-time attendance rotas so that as many children as possible can benefit from attending their setting. Special settings should work with local authorities and families to ensure that decisions about attendance are informed by existing risk assessments for their children and young people, which should be kept up to date.

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school.

I want to reassure you that it will not be statutory to send your child back to school. We will keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision. If your child remains at home beyond Monday 1st June, we will continue to support you and them with home learning activities and meal support for those eligible. Please do continue to stay in touch with us about how your child is getting on.

We will be open to Year R and Year 1 pupils during the week beginning Monday 1st June, assuming that there is not an increase in numbers of people testing positive to the virus in the UK. I recognise that it is very difficult to know the position of the virus and situation of testing in three weeks time, but we are keen to be making provisional plans. Please email the school office adminoffice@limingtonhouse.hants.sch.uk or phone the school by Tuesday 19th May informing us if you would like your Year R or Year 1 child to return to school even if you feel uncertain at this stage.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Justin Innes