



## MANEY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Partial Re-opening of Maney Hill Primary School for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the Prime Minister requested that schools re-open for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The Senior Leadership Team, Governing Board and Teachers have been working hard to prepare for this partial re-opening of Maney Hill Primary School. We are united in our wish to see children return to school. However, during these challenging times we must work together to support parents and children as best we can whilst recognising that school will not be able to provide full-time learning for all children for some time.

Thank you to the many parents who responded to our request for parents' views. The majority of parents would like to see a part-time return to school. The biggest concerns amongst parents are the risk of infection with Covid-19 and maintaining social distancing.

We have a duty of care to all the staff and children. It is likely that several members of staff will continue working from home for some time. For those members of staff who are able to come into school, despite their dedication to helping children learn and develop, their health and safety and that of the children is paramount.

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June we will re-open Maney Hill Primary School for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We will continue to provide school for the children of two Key Workers (one Key Worker if a single parent).

- **Reception and Year 1 children can attend school for two full days with three days of Home Learning.** Not all children will be in school at the same time. The children will be divided into groups and either attend school on Monday and Tuesday or on Thursday and Friday.
- **Year 6 children can attend school for four days with one day of independent Homework.** All of the children will be in school at the same time but split into two groups.
- **Children of 2 Key Workers (or 1 Key Worker if single parent) will continue to have a place at school and this will now be full-time only.** All of the children will be in school at the same time but split into three groups.

During the coming weeks, parents have the choice of whether to send their child to school or not. All teaching resources will continue to be shared on Google Drive Home Learning. If you decide to send your child to school, it will be for all of the days we offer and parents can no longer choose days to send children, as was the case thus far. Similarly, children are required to be in school from the start

of the school day and to stay for the full day. If you decide to keep your child at home for now and at a later date that you would like your child to attend, simply inform the school office.

Re-opening school represents a considerable challenge and we are doing what we can to reduce the risk to staff, children and parents of Covid-19 infection. Please find enclosed our plans for reducing risk.

**If you would like your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 to attend school, please complete the enclosed application form and return as soon as possible, no later than 4pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

It is our long term aim to re-open school for children from all year groups. Whilst we are not currently able to do this, we will let parents know as soon as we can. For children in Years 2 – 5, Google Drive Home Learning resources will continue to be provided.

Maney Hill Primary School will not be back to normal for some time. Thank you to all parents and carers for your sustained efforts in providing Home Learning during challenging times. We firmly believe that school is the best place for children and we are very pleased to be able to begin the reopening of the school.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher



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