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Dear Parents / Carers

I am delighted to inform you that I have had confirmation from the LA that school will be open for the Year 6 children on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. I have also attached the letter from the Local Authority to inform you of this.

The children will be split into 3 bubbles and **spaces will be allocated to the children that have already confirmed that they would like to return to school.**

Bubble A	9.15am – 2.30pm	Miss Lynch
Bubble B	9.30am – 2.45pm	Mr Kelly
Bubble C	9.45am – 3.00pm	Mr Husbands – Mond/Tues/Wed; Mrs Husbands - Thurs

I will be confirming with you if you have decided to send your child back to school which bubble your child will be in.

There will be an opportunity for your child to stay for school meals but please remember it will be a grab bag 'in' the classroom.

If you have any queries or questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kelly  
Headteacher



9 June 2020

Dear parent/carer

### **Return of more children to schools in Nottingham from 15 June**

We are writing to you regarding the phased reopening of schools to pupils from Year 6 in Nottingham from Monday 15 June.

Following discussions with unions, head teachers and public health officials, we are confident that primary schools can begin a gradual increase in pupils based upon risk assessments made in line with government guidelines.

Our new position follows three key changes since we announced two weeks ago that the conditions were not yet right for pupils to return. The changes are:

1. Nottingham has seen a sustained fall in the number of cases of Covid-19 which significantly lowers the risk of children and adults contracting the virus in a school setting.
2. The capacity for testing children and adults in Nottingham has increased since 1 June. This is an important development in supporting schools to gradually increase pupil numbers.
3. Scientific evidence from the independent SAGE committee pointed to the potential fall in the infection rate by waiting a further two weeks from the proposed original date of the 1 June

At this stage we are recommending for schools to reopen more widely only to Year 6 pupils. We will continue to review with schools and trade unions the timing of decisions for children in Early Years, Reception and Year 1 to gradually phase in their return to school.

The council would also like to make clear that if parents choose to keep their children at home, they will not be fined for non-attendance. We recognise that the decision at this time rests with parents/carers based upon their judgment.

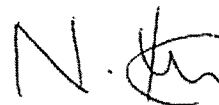
This has been a long and difficult journey. We have never experienced anything like this in our lifetimes; we want be confident that the decisions made are the right ones at the time. The safety of our children and staff has always been our top priority.

Our schools have been open for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils throughout the lockdown. Based upon this experience, our school staff have done a tremendous job of putting risk assessments in place to understand how best to open our schools safely to more pupils. We would like to thank them all for their patience in the process of getting children back into school.

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of parents and carers throughout lockdown so far – and for the next six weeks ahead of the summer holiday. We look forward to the time when all children will return to Nottingham Schools.



**Councillor David Mellen**  
Leader of the Council  
Nottingham City Council



**Councillor Neghat Khan**  
Portfolio Holder for Early Years,  
Employment and Education