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Wednesday 20th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are well.

Thank you for responding to our survey to indicate whether or not you will be sending your child to school if we do re-open in June.

If you have selected 'Yes' or 'Unsure' we will provide a place for your child to come to school, should you wish your child to return when the schools reopen. If you have selected 'No,' there will not initially be a place allocated for your child.

If you wish to change your initial decision, please contact the school either via email on: kinginajunior@educ.somerset.gov.uk or kinginainfants@educ.somerset.gov.uk or by telephone: 01458 272587 by **12 noon tomorrow, Thursday 21st May**. We require this information to allow us to plan accurately for re-opening our schools and to prepare for the very best provision for the children.

We appreciate that this is a very difficult decision for parents to make and wish to make it clear that we are not putting pressure on anyone to send their child to school.

Thank you to key workers who have already contacted the school to ask for a Child Care Provision Request form, in preparation for when you return to work. We urge any key workers who have not yet contacted the school to do so **by 12 noon tomorrow, Thursday 21st May**. We need to make provision for your children, in addition to the children in other year groups who are returning to school, and to do this we need **accurate numbers** of expected children.

It is absolutely vital that we put the safety of the children and staff first. For social distancing measures to be as effective as possible, we are planning for the children to work in small groups, within designated areas in school. As a result, it is extremely likely that children in the returning year groups will be attending school on a part time basis. We realise that this may be challenging for parents needing to return to work but we absolutely must reduce the risk to children and staff as much as we possibly can.

We wish to reassure you that we are making a range of other precautionary measures including:

- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times: Children will remain within their allocated group or 'bubble' throughout the day, arriving and leaving and having breaks at different times.
- Social distancing measures: Classrooms and other school areas will be rearranged to allow for children and staff to keep at a distance of 2 meters from one another as much as possible.
- Strict hygiene routine: Children will wash their hands regularly and resources and equipment will be cleaned regularly.
- Increased cleaning of the school site.
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home.

We will write to you with further details about how we will keep the children and staff safe in the coming days.

A huge amount of work is in place to prepare all of the school sites for re-opening to staff and children at the start of June. We will only open the school **once we are confident that every measure has been taken to ensure that the children and staff can attend school as safely as possible**. This will be a date in early June and I will write to you to confirm a start date as soon as possible.

We thank you again for your patience and support whilst we undertake the preparation for re-opening the schools.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson
Headteacher