



The Ryde School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Nursery Class,

It has been challenging for us to organise the safe reopening of the school. We will be taking a phased approach, ensuring children are welcomed back in a way that will support their mental health and well-being. Therefore, initially, we will not be opening the school to Nursery children on 1st June.

Reception class will be welcomed back first, followed by Nursery, then Class 1 and finally Class 6. As yet there are no definite time scales for the return of Nursery, Class 1 or Class 6, but it is planned to be within a few weeks, if the reopening goes to plan and the Government advice does not change.

Staff will be working to plan and organise routines, and also learning, for Nursery Class during this time. Certainly there will be a focus on each child's well-being. There will be opportunities to talk, to learn to be with their friends again and enjoy the school's resources and grounds.

One of the biggest challenges for us is the safe entry and exit of the children from their classrooms to the front of the site. We will be asking parents to use the 'IN' car park gate to enter the site and walk through the green gates towards the nursery building. There will be socially distancing markers on the playground that we would ask parents to wait at. A member of staff will then be able to take one or two children at a time to the classroom and return for the rest. We would ask parents to leave the site by returning up the path and leave through the middle 'OUT' car park gates.

Parents will be asked to follow the same procedure when collecting their children, waiting at the markers until their child is brought out to them, and then leaving by the 'OUT' gate.

I will be writing to you after half term with more details of how and when Nursery Class will be returning to school.

I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. The return to school is important for your child, but it has to be managed safely and in a way that supports all children's needs, and has the confidence of the parents and carers.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sue Thompson
Headteacher

