



# The Ryde School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Class 6,

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 Class 6 children on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 Class 6 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, discuss their new schools and to ready themselves for transition to Year 7.

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 expect the majority of Class 6 children to walk or cycle to school unaccompanied. These children will be asked to use the main pedestrian gate and walk through the front entrance to their classroom (the doors will be open). Children being dropped off by car, will be left at the gate to walk down the path unaccompanied.

At the end of the day, unaccompanied children will leave the premises through the front entrance and the pedestrian gate. Class 6 children being collected will wait on the front path, 2 metres apart and be supervised by a member of staff, until their parent appears at the gate and then they can walk to them.

I will be writing to you after half term with more details of how and when Class 6 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

