



18th May 2020

Dear Parents /Carers,

Following the Government’s announcement on the 10th May regarding the reopening of schools for Early Years, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, we are making plans to further extend the provision we are providing at school.

We appreciate that the uncertainty surrounding future planning remains difficult for us all, but know that you, like us, will want to ensure that every step is taken to ensure that school is as safe as possible for all members of our school community and therefore we are planning to take measured approach to re-opening, a newsletter will be sent out on Wednesday morning with more details. If you are a key worker, we will still be providing child care for the children not in the year groups returning to school, including Little Otters children.

We have learnt over the last 8 weeks that ‘social distancing’ and children is something we cannot guarantee. Therefore, if you feel that your child would not be safe at school we would completely understand and the Government has confirmed that there will be no fines for non-attendance.

To help us plan for the children’s return we are asking for an indication of whether your child will be returning to school on either the 1st June for Little Otters, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, or for Years 2, 3, 4, and 5 when indicated by the government. I have left an additional space for you to comment about shielding if you feel you can give us that information and whether you would support a ‘phased return’ where children attend two days a week for the first two weeks, this would allow the school to establish safe protocol and support the children through this difficult time in a balanced way. We understand this may be difficult for parents and carers returning to work full-time.

Please be aware that under school age children are advised to use one setting only and therefore children in Little Otters will need to decide on the best setting to meet their needs.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience. You can drop the return sheet below into the office, whilst on your daily exercise or email it back to head@slimbridge.gloucs.sch.uk. **Please return the by FRIDAY 22nd May.**

Stay safe

Alison Cooke

Headteacher

Child _____ Year Group _____ Class _____

	Tick as appropriate
My child will be returning to school on 01/06/20 as they are in Little Otters, Reception, Year 1, Year 6	
My children will be returning to school when Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 are allowed	
My child will not be returning to school at this time.	
I would support a ‘Phased’ return to school	
Comment For example; My family are shielding someone Clinically Vulnerable.	