

Dear Ickford Residents,

**Re: Phased return to school from June 1st.**

I hope that you are all safe and well during this time and that you are coping with the restrictions placed on us. As I am sure you are aware, the Government has announced plans for a phased return to school for Primary aged children starting on June 1<sup>st</sup> and I want to inform you of how we plan to do this.

In order to maintain the social distancing requirements, we will be dividing each class into two groups, A and B. This will ensure that we have social distancing in the classrooms. Group A will come to school for 2 ½ hours in the morning and Group B for 2 ½ hours in the afternoon. All of the children will have a 15-minute break between their lessons and we shall put space restrictions in place on the playground and field if necessary to try and maintain social distancing during break times. The children will not be here at all between 12.00 and 1.00 pm as each classroom will be cleaned. There will not be any after school activities and the school will be cleaned again between 3.30 and 5.00 pm.

I have asked the parents to remain outside the school set when dropping children off and picking them up and to apply social distancing rules if waiting for children. I am hopeful that they will use common sense and that you will not be compromised by any thoughtless behaviour. We will be opening a number of the gates to ensure that the drop off and pickups are as quick as possible.

I am sure you will understand that this is quite a challenging time and that the closure of the school was probably easier than the return will be. I understand that some of you may be worried about more people coming back into the village but, as you will recognise, I am unable to avoid this. I do hope that at least by giving you prior notice, you can appreciate that I am trying to make the phased return as simple as possible whilst trying to reduce risk and maintain health and safety.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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**Headteacher**