



# BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the announcement from our government and Prime Minister, Boris Johnson on Sunday evening, we are writing to confirm that school currently remains shut to all pupils except those already attending as children of key workers. The school needs time to manage the changes, increase in pupil numbers, to ensure the well-being and safety of all children and our dedicated staff team. We will need to review many things including changes needed to our learning environments, transitions around, in to and out of school, alongside break times. These being only some of the challenging logistics we face in our school. Therefore, thank you for allowing us to reassess the safe management of all of this, before we can contact you regarding your concerns or requests as soon as possible.

We will be liaising this week with the Hamwic Trust and Governors to carefully plan for a potential phased reopening from 1<sup>st</sup> June as indicated in Mr Johnson's speech. As he made clear, nothing is certain at this point. However we will begin to plan for the phased return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, as indicated in the speech. Mr Johnson has also stated schools will receive more guidance and details on this next phase of school opening this week in order to make it clearer and therefore better support schools.

May we thank you for all your support over this period of time – whilst we have endeavoured to keep everyone safe. As you can imagine this is still our main priority – and many of you will have concerns and worries about your child's pending return. Please be assured we will be working closely with Hamwic to reassure you all, and once we know more we will communicate those plans.

In the meantime, we will continue providing work for pupils to complete at home. Some of you will begin to prepare your children for coming back into a social environment over the next few weeks. May we ask you to keep positive about this, reassuring them but also practising those good habits of hand washing and allowing space between them and others. Make this fun not something to worry about if they forget.

So it leaves us to wish you well, stay safe and we look forward to the time when we can see our wonderful pupils in person.

With kind regards

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