



# Handsworth Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last night, Boris Johnson announced it is now possible to move to the next phase of easing lockdown as he believes the Government's five tests are being met. It is also important to note, Sir Patrick Valance, the Chief Scientific Adviser announced all actions taken should be taken cautiously. Therefore, we will continue with our gradual, phased plan to introduce children back in to school. It is important to understand these **plans may change** as we adapt to different situations and circumstances. Please make sure you inform us of your intentions in relation to sending your child back to school. You must let us know as least 48 hours before the day your child is due to start. **Please can Year 6 parents let us know via email by the end of the day.** Your child is able to join at a later date, as long as we have at least 48 hours' notice. Please remember you will **not be fined for non-attendance.**



What can I do?  
Updated guidance for England



Stay home  
whenever possible



Work from home  
if you can



Avoid public transport  
if possible



Take exercise outside  
Enjoy parks and public spaces



\*Gatherings of six people  
allowed outside



But always keep your  
distance in public

\*From 1 June

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HM Government



1. Sufficient critical care  
capacity across the UK



2. Sustained and consistent  
fall in daily deaths



3. Rate of infection  
decreasing



4. Testing and PPE able  
to meet demand



5. Adjustments to measures  
will not risk a second peak  
that overwhelms the NHS

Although we will limit contact as much as we can, social distancing for Early Years is not going to be possible. The Government has acknowledged in its guidance that, unlike older children and adults, Early Years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain two metres apart from each other and staff. Of course, we will make every attempt to encourage social distancing, but **we cannot guarantee it at all times.** We have staggered drop off and pick up times to avoid too many people coming in to school at once. It is vital you stick to the given drop off and collection time.

When bringing your child to school, you will be asked to follow a one-way system in which you leave the school through the staff car park. It is vital you do not stand around the school gates as we must ensure we keep to social distancing rules. We also ask only one adult to bring your child to school. We encourage you to leave your Year 6 child at the school gates and they will be able to walk round to their classroom on their own. The gates will be supervised by a member of staff daily.

As a school, we will be cleaning at regular intervals throughout the day. We will also clean the equipment children play with. We will be asking children to wash their hands as they enter school, before and after breaks, lunchtime and before they leave at the end of the day. **Children must not bring items in to school from home other than a pencil case (only in Year 6) and packed lunch if needed.**

As I have continued to say throughout this pandemic, **you have to do what is right for you.** Please do not be influenced by social media and what other parents are doing. School will not be the same environment our children are used to and although we will make it a happy, calm, welcoming environment, there will be many restrictions. Please see our Risk Assessment and updated Behaviour Policy on the website for more details. As always, please contact us if you would like to discuss anything further or have any questions.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Nairne