



Important Update – Friday 22nd May.

Dear parent / carer,

Thank you for your continued engagement as we update you on this rapidly changing situation we are currently in.

Your Safety First

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that our main aim is to keep everyone, children and adults, safe through our belief that **Child First = Child Safe = Adult Safe**. This has been the key principle that has guided our planning since we began working on how to safely transition children back into school based learning.

I am writing to you today to inform you of at least one week's delay to our proposed return to school based learning for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

As you know we have been working to achieve the Government's ambition to re-open schools from the 1st June and having made excellent progress we were thrilled to receive a huge level of support and understanding from parents and teachers alike.

I appreciate that this information is coming so soon after my previous letters, however as you can imagine the situation is developing quickly and we have to do what is right to keep everyone safe. Sadly, this has meant pushing back our target date for opening to more year groups. As outlined in our newsletter we miss the children incredibly, so this is a very challenging decision. But our principle Child First = Child Safe = Adult Safe, must always be at the forefront of our minds.

I have put some information regarding our decision below.

New return date: No earlier than 8th June

Why do we need to delay?

Throughout all our planning, the safety of both children and adults has always been at the forefront of our minds.

Following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders (including teachers, unions and parents) it has become apparent that by making a delay to **no earlier than the 8th June** we can ensure:

- All members of our community can positively engage with the plans
- Ensure our robust risk assessment is fully implemented

- Give the appropriate time to staff to prepare their class, new bubble timetables and the school

You can learn more about our approach by visiting our dedicated information page below.

[Information Page](#)

Thank you

Apologies to you all, I appreciate that this late announcement may cause you some inconvenience but we believe it is the right thing to do to ensure your child's safety.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during this very challenging situation. We will continue to communicate further updates and plans over the course of the next few weeks as these develop.

Key worker child care provision will remain open from the 1st June - there will be more detailed information about this next week.

From everyone at New Horizons we wish you all a restful half term

Kind regards,



Mrs J Murphy
Executive Headteacher