



5th January 2021

Re: Planned reopening of school following National Lockdown January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to update on the schools position and the planned reopening following the sudden reintroduction of the national lockdown and closure of schools across the country earlier this week.

As a special school, we will open on Thursday 7th January however with a duty of care to our children and staff alike coupled with the unique way in which we work at Valley (very high adult to child ratios), we have reflected upon Health & Safety considerations and taken the decision to limit attendance at school.

This will enable us to reduce the number of contacts for children and adults and allow for greater distancing within classrooms and throughout school in an effort to keep everyone safe in light of the ease of transmission of the new variant of Covid-19.

From tomorrow Thursday 6th January, your child/children will be offered a part-time place at school based upon the preferences you have shared with us. Children of Critical Workers and those who are considered most vulnerable will be prioritised. A member of staff will be contacting you today to inform you of the days and times your child will be able to attend school.

Remote learning will be in place for children on the days they will not be attending school and again staff will be in contact in the coming days to speak with you about what resources you would find most supportive.

We would like to thank you for communicating your personal preferences so quickly to us over the past couple of days which has enabled us to plan for the reopening of school so that we can provide the best provision in the ever-changing restrictions.

Debbie and Helen