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Wednesday 10th June 2020

### **School Reopening – Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As promised, I am sending you an update about how close we are to meeting the four criteria for widening our opening. The four key conditions are listed below.

Opening is conditional on the following conditions being met:

- **Gavin Williamson (Secretary of State for Education) has stated that Test, Track and Trace will be in place. It will need to be.**
- **The five key tests stated by the government will need to be met in Herefordshire (not nationally).**
- **The government releases the data that proves that this is a safe strategy. There has been no assurance that children returning from school will not put members of their family at risk.**
- **The R number remains below 1. We are yet to see the effect of the easing of the lockdown.**

#### **Condition 1.**

Although we have no local information and no hard evidence that tracking is happening, we have to assume that it is. Test results are still taking nearly a week to be confirmed.

#### **Condition 2.**

The NHS is coping with the pandemic, there is a sustained fall in the death rate, the R number is below 1, we have sufficient supplies of PPE and the government assures us that we are not risking a second peak. Whether or not you agree with the last statement will be a decision for each family.

#### **Condition 3.**

The number of cases in Herefordshire has halved in the last ten days.

#### **Condition 4.**

The R number is currently below 1.

**Given that the conditions are met, the school will reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils.**

At Llangrove, we have been open throughout the lockdown as a Learning Hub and currently have about 10 children attending every day. Being open as a hub means that we have had the opportunity to develop our practices to ensure the safety of the children.

I recognise the difficult decision placed on all of our families but I hope that the information provided will offer some reassurance and clarity. Within the attached school procedures pack we will provide information on how we will implement protective measures in order to keep children, families and staff as safe as possible and how these will impact on the day to day running of the school.

**The information is designed to help you come to an informed decision about whether or not to send your child to school.**

- **If you wish your child to return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, you do not need to contact us unless you have specific questions.**
- **If you do not wish to send your child back to school please let the school know via email [admin@llangrove.hmfa.org.uk](mailto:admin@llangrove.hmfa.org.uk) by 12 pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

**If you decide to send your child to school at a later date please inform the school, via email, nearer the time. Please note that your child will start on the following Monday from the date you inform us.**

**Safety is our number one concern. If you feel there are other questions that you need answered, in order to make a decision, then please contact the school via email [admin@llangrove.hmfa.org.uk](mailto:admin@llangrove.hmfa.org.uk).**

Kind regards,

Mr Peter Box,

HMFA Executive Head teacher