



Wednesday 8th July

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our School Re-opening Plan: Phase 3: Full Re-opening from September

It has been lovely to see some of our pupils back at school in recent weeks, as we have adjusted to new safety procedures and structures within school to accommodate this. It has been a challenging time, but it has been great to see more and more children back at school as the weeks have gone on. We would like to thank all our parents and carers for working with us over the period of lock down and engaging with the home learning. Your support and positive messages have been much appreciated and has helped keep children engaged with the learning process and the routine of school work.

We are expecting that all children will be back in school full-time in September, according to government guidance published last week. Our priority for September will be settling children into their new classes and helping them to re-engage with the routines of school life and the learning process.

According to government guidance, attendance at school becomes compulsory again in September and, as with all times, we will encourage high attendance, so that children are enabled to catch up quickly in their learning. We are very aware that there will be a range of needs amongst children as we come back together, both in terms of their mental and emotional health and the need to 'catch up' on missed learning. Be assured that the leadership team and the whole staff are already planning for all of this work in school.

School will not be completely 'as we know it' in September, and we will write to you nearer the time with further guidance and instruction for how all aspects of our school will run. For example, we are required to continue operating with staggered beginning and end times of the school day and we will let you know these for each year group in due course.

As mentioned in last week's *ACE Highlights*, we are also re-introducing uniform from September and so we are looking forward to seeing how smart our Ashford children look again as we start afresh together! We are anticipating an exciting year ahead, and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Meehan
Executive Headteacher

Richard Austin and Hannah Beacham
Co-Heads of School