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29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of June Gayton Primary School will be opening to more pupils as part of the Government's plan. As you are aware, the Governors made the decision that places at Gayton should be offered to critical workers as a priority. This is in line with recommendations from the DfE. Following the application process, we have allocated places to 75 children whose parents meet the criteria of being critical workers. These 75 children have to be placed into bubbles with no more than 12-15 children in a bubble and we are required to offer full time places. Consequently, Gayton Primary School is currently at capacity as we are opening up 6 bubbles for the children who are returning to school, which utilises all my available teaching staff and teaching assistants.

I appreciate that many parents with pupils in F2, Y1 and Y6 will be disappointed that we are not currently able to return these pupils to school. However, Gayton does have a very high number of critical worker families and, unless the Government relax the social distancing requirements or encourage schools to operate rota systems, we are currently unable to accommodate more pupils. Please be assured that this is not because the Governors and staff are reluctant to return more pupils to school, it is purely because under the current guidance we physically cannot accommodate them in the building. If the guidelines are amended over the next few weeks, this would then be discussed by Governors as phase 2 of our reopening plan.

School will be continuing to provide home learning and this will be mirrored for the children who are attending school so that all pupils whether they are in home or at school will be completing the same activities. We are going to be moving over to Google Classroom from next week and further details regarding this will be sent home to parents today. For week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, all our home/school learning materials will be available on Google Classroom and eSchools to allow families time to transition over to Google Classroom. If you have any technical difficulties, please do contact school next week and we will be able to support you with this.

If your child is returning to school next week, you will have received information from school regarding the arrangements that are in place to allow the safe return of these pupils to school.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Stay safe

Kind regards

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