Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health.

After my letter to you following the Prime Minister's announcement regarding the intention for a wider opening of schools from June 1st, I am writing again to you now to confirm what will be happening at our school.

All of our plans in the initial stage had to be provisional and, to some extent, they still are. We needed approval from our governors, the Local Authority and the teaching unions. We also had to wait for confirmation from the government as to whether their 5 tests have been met.

We are now in a position to move forward with our plans to widen our provision. This means that:

- Monday 1st June is an INSET day when every staff member will be part of a Health & Safety day in preparation for the return of children. As previously requested we ask ALL keyworker parents to do their very best to keep children at home on this day as every staff member will be part of this.

- From Tuesday 2nd June we will remain open for our identified Key Workers, on the days where this is required.

- From Wednesday 3rd June, we will expand this provision to include those Reception children whose parents have indicated that they wish them to return to school. For this group of children their days and hours will be Monday to Thursday, 8.45am – 3pm.

- From Monday 8th June, we plan to widen our provision further, to include those Year 1 pupils whose parents have also indicated that they wish them to return to school. Their days and times are Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3.15pm.

- There will be no breakfast club or after school club. Key worker children, who need to be in school longer than class times, will remain in their classrooms. Although these pupils can arrive at 8am, at the earliest, and remain until 4pm, at the latest, we really would appreciate it if parents with keyworker children could stick to the following school hours, where possible.

Reception	8.45am – 3pm
Year 1 and 2	9am – 3.15pm
Year 3 and 4	8.40am – 3.10pm
Year 5 and 6	8:50am – 3.20pm

- **Parents are not permitted to park in the staff car park at any time** as we need this area for our one-way system of dropping off pupils and collecting them at the end of the day.

- Children will need to wear school uniform which must be washed daily. We understand that some children may have outgrown some items, including shoes, but please stick as closely as you can to it. Children should all bring with them:
    - a packed lunch from home, or order a packed lunch from the school dinner service (available from 2nd June) as there will not be any hot dinners;
    - a water bottle;
    - pencil case with pencil, rubber and some colouring pencils;

- outdoor shoes that they can put on or off independently;
- any workbooks we have sent home to work from.

Identified Key worker children and those in Reception and Year 1, whose parents have let us know that they require a place, have all been allocated a 'bubble'. There are 4 bubbles, each one with set children and staffing. Pupils will only mix with the pupils in their own bubble and will sit in their own allocated space each time they are in school. Each bubble will have their own team of staff, but this may not include their usual teacher. However, teachers will continue to set work for all of their own pupils – both those in school and those at home.

Please ensure you have watched and discussed the video with your child to familiarise yourselves with our new classroom layouts and procedures. https://www.sheepymagna.leics.sch.uk/letters/ These include social distancing restrictions that are in place, such as interacting with staff and other pupils, and that pupils will wash their hands-on arrival, just before going home, plus at multiple points throughout the day.
We all need to stay alert and vigilant and it is imperative that you do not send a child in to school if they have a temperature, cough, loss of smell or taste. We will immediately isolate and send home any pupil who displays any of these symptoms.

Should a member of staff receive a text (under the new track and trace system), to say that they have been in contact with somebody with COVID, we will have to close the bubble they have been working in due to lack of staff. This will include any priority and keyworker children who are also in that bubble.

We are more than happy to answer any questions that you may have are aware that this is a very worrying time for you all. As with all things at the moment, our plans may still change over the course of the next 6 weeks and we will do our best to let you know how we will be adapting to any updates to government guidance.

Since the lockdown, we have been working tirelessly to try to support you with the wellbeing and learning of your child at home. As a school, we are committed to working alongside our Sheepy families, and to keeping our children safe and well. For those children who will not return to school this year, please be assured we will continue to keep in touch and provide home learning resources to support your child. We know that some of you who are eligible to return have chosen not to. We completely understand your reasons for this. Any parent who chooses to keep their child at home will not be penalised in any way.

We applaud all that you have done over the past few months and appreciate how hard you have worked in order for your children to not only keep on learning, but also reassuring them throughout.

We have put in as many safety measures as are practical but want to reiterate that there is a very real likelihood that children will touch adults and one another and also come into close contact. The nature of our school site and the age of our children is such that this is unavoidable. We cannot alleviate every risk and we ask that you take this on board when making your decision as to whether your child will be returning to school.
Please continue to stay safe and keep in touch.

Mrs Alison Field
Headteacher