



29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

Dear Year 1 and Reception Parents,

I hope you and your families are all well and have enjoyed some of the weather we have been blessed with this half-term break.

I am writing to you following a meeting of Ballard's Board of Governors this afternoon.

The Governors would like to re-open Ballard School to Year 1 and Reception children. We aim to do this from June 15<sup>th</sup>, as outlined in a previous letter. This will be dependent on any changes to Government advice after the relaxing of the lockdown from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. If the situation changes and there is a tightening of lockdown rules, including the closing of schools again, then Ballard will follow this advice and remain closed. We all hope that this is not the case.

Of course, there is a great deal more planning that will be needed between now and then and I will write to you nearer the time to outline the full details.

The plan is for the two year groups to attend from Monday to Thursday, with potentially slightly shorter days than usual. Friday will be used as a planning and preparation for the teachers to enable them to provide resources for those who continue to be educated remotely.

I will be sending out a further parental survey very soon to ascertain final numbers. Attendance is, of course, entirely voluntary although we would encourage it, so please do not feel that there is a need for your child to attend if you do not wish them to do so.

I wanted to let you know as soon as possible to allow you to plan childcare between now and the end of term.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Andrew McCleave

Headmaster