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**Headteacher – Mr Richard Kitching**

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Welcoming back pupils with Parents and Carers that are Critical Workers from 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Further to my letter yesterday afternoon, I would like to provide more information on what Derbyshire County Council has deemed the **Phase 1** stage of schools reopening. **In this stage schools will continue to provide provision in school for children that are deemed as vulnerable or have parents or carers that are categorised as critical workers by the government.** The government are ‘encouraging’ this group of children to return to school. It is no longer essential to keep your child at home if possible if you are a critical worker. We anticipate that we will potentially be welcoming back more children that are in this priority group during the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June. **However, there is not an obligation for your child to attend and the government have confirmed that parents and carers will not be fined at this time for their child’s non-attendance in school.**

We recognise this is a sensitive situation and will respect whichever decision you make.

As stated in my previous letter, a great deal of time has recently gone into planning and carrying out a risk assessment in line with the new government guidance following consultation with staff, parents and carers and governors as well as other Headteachers from Derbyshire.

One of the outcomes of this risk assessment has been to produce the **Egginton Covid-19 Home School Partnership Guide: Phase 1**. This identifies the key requirements that school, children and parents and carers will need to adhere to in order to keep our school community as safe as possible in line with the government guidance. It is absolutely vital that all parents and carers that are critical workers read this document carefully, ensure that they are able to do everything required of them and also discuss the ‘Children will...’ section with their child prior to their return to school in the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June.

The staggered drop-off and collection timetable is contained within the document. Please ensure you keep to these times.

For those pupils that will not be returning to school in the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June, we will continue use our best endeavours to support home learning through offering directed tasks, guidance and support.

**Finally, a reminder that if you are a critical worker and you have decided your child will be returning to school for provision in the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June, please could you inform me by 5pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

Thank you for your continued patience, support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Richard Kitching

Headteacher



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