



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

I am sure, like us, you are coming to terms with the Prime Minister's speech and the government's publication of 'Our Plan to Rebuild'. It has been widely reported in the press that Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children will be invited to return to school from June 1st along with the continued provision for our Critical Workers families and vulnerable children. Having now read the DFE guidance for Infant schools, it will be our **Nursery** and **Reception** children that will be invited back first but only if it is safe to do so. Here is the government guidance for parents: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

We are currently communicating with other schools and Essex County Council as to what reopening Montgomery Infant School will look like. I hope to have a plan, which I will share with parents, staff and governors, very soon. The plan will focus on the safety of children and their families, as well as the safety of staff and their families, during these tentative next steps.

The Government guidance stipulates that schools and parents will not be penalised for non-attendance. Class sizes will be no bigger than 15 and can be smaller to ensure safety measures can be implemented. Children will be coming to school on a part-time basis and will be taught in 'learning bubbles', reducing their contact with others. Staggered arrival, collection and break-times will also be implemented to reduce contact with those outside of the 'Learning Bubble'. Alongside this we will continue to support families with Home Learning by supplying learning packs, uploading content on Tapestry and using Purple Mash, Yumu and Bug Club.

We have a lot to organise and will be contacting you very soon. Please keep doing all the wonderful things you are doing at home. You are all amazing and have coped fantastically during these very difficult times!

Don't forget to log in to Tapestry today and catch up with our Tuesday story time assembly. Today, Miss Prior and Mrs Keogan will be sharing their favourite 'Monty Must Reads' with you.

Thank you

Miss Bridgeman  
Headteacher

