



Friday 5th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update on Phased Reopening

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your patience and support as we continue to work towards reopening the school to all pupils. We cannot wait for the time when every classroom is buzzing with activity once more but must ensure that we are maintaining an appropriate balance of risk at all times. We are making good progress and have, this week, reopened to our Year 6 pupils. We are now working hard to prepare for the next phase where we will be ready to offer a Year 1 and Reception provision in line with the government's request. However, with 120 pupils across these year groups alone and with limited indoor space, this is taking time. We are in the process of gathering greater clarity around how we can keep these younger children as safe as possible without adversely affecting their wellbeing. It is most likely that this provision will involve smaller groupings on a part time basis initially. We hope to be able to provide fuller details by the end of next week.

To help you make the right decision for your child and family, we have published our risk assessment here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/2020/05/31/risk-assessment-for-school-reopening-june-2020/>. This is a working document and will be updated over the coming weeks.

Anti-Racism Campaign

Your child may well be aware of recent tragic recent events in the United States. We stand in solidarity with those protesting peacefully and safely around the world and encourage you to use this as an opportunity to talk openly with your child about the ongoing fight against racism. The BBC Newsround website is a great place to start: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52917648>.

Useful Links

JK Rowling is publishing a new book 'The Ickabog' free to all in serial form here: <https://www.theickabog.com/home/>. It is highly recommended!

The RNLI are running a Water Safety Wednesdays with lifesaving advice suitable for all ages here: <https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/water-safety-wednesdays>.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. As always, please do get in touch if we can help in any way.

Best wishes,

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