



Ripponden Junior and Infant School

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Dear parents/carers,

We wanted to share with you the latest guidance we have been given in order for schools to plan for the wider opening of schools.

Firstly, can I stress that no date has yet been set by Calderdale Council so at the moment we are still only open to children of keyworkers and vulnerable children.

We have been asked to have a plan in place for when a date for reopening is announced.

In order to attempt to maintain the safety of our children and staff and promote a physical distance between them, our bubbles of children will be capped at 10, with usually 2 adults. We cannot make them any larger, as the space would be compromised. The bubbles will remain in the same teaching space and the adults will remain constant.

We currently have staffing capacity for 8 bubbles, which means 80 pupils in total.

We have been told by the DFE and the local council that we must prioritise places for those 80 children in the following order:

- 1) Keyworker and vulnerable pupils
- 2) Pupils in EYFS (30 children)
- 3) Pupils in Year 1 (28 children)
- 4) Pupils in Year 6 (30 children)

This means that, at the moment, even without any keyworker or vulnerable children, we would be unable to take all of Year 6 back, until a change in guidance on ratios or groupings. Unfortunately, we cannot plan on the numbers we think may come back based on the earlier survey sent out, we have to plan for the full return of a full year group to capacity.

We now need to ascertain how and what we can offer, in terms of a wider opening of school and in order to do that, we need to know how many key worker places we need to offer.



The guidance regarding key workers has not changed. I attach the previously circulated key worker tiers for your reference. As more and more parents are going to be asked to go back to work, this could have a significant impact on our plans.

We therefore need parents to respond via email to office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk to inform us if they feel they fall into the keyworker category and will be taking a place up. **It is important to note that there will be no Busy Bees wrap around provision offered, it will be school hours only.** If a place is not requested, we have been told that the place has to be withdrawn and priority given to other pupils. If we have more than 80 children in the keyworker/vulnerable groups, then we will have to use our tiered system to prioritise those places.

At Ripponden, we want to try and welcome back as many who want/need to return as possible. If you could respond if you feel you would like your children to be prioritised within the 80 spaces as soon as possible, we would appreciate it. The information we need is as follows:

Parents names and contact numbers	Job role	Name, role and contact details of supervisor	Name(s) and year group(s) of child(ren)

Once we have this information back then we can inform which non-keyworker groups we are able to have back and in what capacity.

Thank you for your help with this. I am incredibly grateful for your support and patience to date. I am sure you can appreciate that this is a far from easy task to manage and the DFE and Calderdale guidance has been changing rapidly, meaning we have had to constantly revise our plans. We are working hard to do all we can to support as many families as we possibly can, within the guidance that we have been set. If we do not hear from you **by 12noon on Monday 8th June** we will presume you do not require a place.

With kindest regards,

Lorraine Bamforth
Headteacher



Ripponden J&I School's **Critical Workers** Tiered List

Tier 1 (in no particular order)	Tier 2 (in no particular order)	Tier 3 (in no particular order)	Tier 4 (in no particular order)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Doctors ▪ Nurses ▪ Midwives ▪ Paramedics ▪ Social Workers ▪ Care workers ▪ Machine workers producing medicines / medical personal protective equipment ▪ Support and specialist staff required to maintain the health and social care sector ▪ Nursery staff ▪ Teaching staff ▪ School support staff and school catering staff ▪ Police and support staff ▪ Ministry of Defence civilians ▪ Contractor and armed forces personnel who are critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic ▪ Fire and rescue service employees (including support staff) ▪ Workers responsible for the management of the deceased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health & social care supply chain workers ▪ Food sale ▪ Those involved in the production, distribution, sale and delivery of hygienic or veterinary medicines ▪ Food distributors ▪ Food processors ▪ Food delivery drivers ▪ Oil, gas, electricity and water (including sewerage) workers ▪ Waste disposal sector workers ▪ National Crime Agency staff ▪ Border security ▪ Prison and probation staff ▪ Other national security roles including those overseas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Those running the justice system ▪ Air, water, rail and road workers including freight transport workers operating during the COVID-19 response ▪ Telecommunications including call centre staff for 999 and 111 critical services) ▪ Specialist education professionals who aren't school based ▪ Key staff working in civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications industries ▪ Payment providers ▪ Charity workers providing support and relief in relation to COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Religious staff ▪ Journalists providing public service broadcasting ▪ Local and national government administrators delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits ▪ Rail passenger workers ▪ Essential financial services provision ▪ Information technology and data infrastructure sector whose primary industry is critical in the COVID-19 response ▪ Postal services and delivery workers

