



# Pinehurst Primary School

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## *Experience, Excel and Enjoy*

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you and your family well.

May I start by saying what a fantastic job you are doing of keeping your children safe and busy, which is not easy, during these unprecedented times. The engagement that we have had with you through our 'Keeping Connected Calls', class email addresses, Twitter feed and home visits has been fantastic. **Thank you and Well Done.**

I am sharing with you today, a letter from Steve Reddy, our Director for Children's and Young Peoples Services. The letter explains Liverpool's position on the re-opening of schools.

In his letter Mr Reddy explains that he has written to me and asked that, from 1st June, **Liverpool schools open for key workers' children and vulnerable children only**. He emphasises that schools **will not re-open to any other pupils at this stage.**

This means that children who have parents who are in the Key worker groups will attend Pinehurst from 1<sup>st</sup> June. Key workers are defined as:

NHS staff; social workers, care workers, health and social care staff and those required to maintain the sector; teachers, specialist education professionals and nursery staff; staff essential to the operation of the justice system; staff involved in the management of the deceased; administrative staff in local and central government essential to the delivery of the COVID-19 response or the delivery of essential public services, such as the payment of benefits. This includes government agencies and arms-length bodies; staff delivering essential public services such as payment of benefits; staff involved in the distribution of food or other key goods; police and police support staff; fire and rescue staff and support staff; transport workers; utilities workers; probation staff; IT staff necessary to support Covid-19 response; payment providers; waste disposal service presumably including refuse collection; armed forces personnel; MoD civilian staff and contractors; National Crime Agency; border security; national security staff; religions and charity staff; journalists and broadcasters; university staff working in a research role to help fight Covid-19 to the list of eligible workers.

Where Mr Reddy refers to Vulnerable children, this means that if your child has already been identified for a Hub place they should attend Pinehurst from 1<sup>st</sup> June.

In all decision making the guiding principle has been that schools can only re-open to other pupils when it is safe to do so and not a moment before. Only once we can be sure that schools are safe for both children and staff will they be able to open to more children. The safety and well being of your child, your family and our staff, is our top priority.

In order to assist us in managing the numbers of children on site and staffing appropriately we would ask **that if you are a Key Worker identified above and will be sending your child to school on 1<sup>st</sup> June you email us by 9.00am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May to confirm.** Please email [keyworker@pinehurstgs.co.uk](mailto:keyworker@pinehurstgs.co.uk) with your child(ren)'s name and class.

I will then write to this group of parents and carers to advise them on arrangements for 1<sup>st</sup> June prior to our half term break.

As and when there are any changes to the groups who can access school I will inform you. In the meantime, our support for home learning will continue and we will remain in regular contact with you.

I thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

Take care, keep safe, stay well.

Kind regards

Miss K Morris

Headteacher

