



15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your loved ones are keeping safe during these unprecedented times.

As you will be aware, the Nishkam Schools have been open for your child if you are a key (critical) worker since 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. As you will also be aware from the media, the government has asked schools in England to further open for some more pupils from 1st June 2020.

From 1st June 2020, if your child is in **Reception, Year 1** or **Year 6** he or she will be able to attend. If your child is in **Year 10** or **Year 12**, your school will be contacting you to allow you the option for some contact in school with your child's teachers.

If your family unit is at high risk, and/or you decide not to send your child to school, your child will not be marked absent. We will continue to find means to support your child at home as well as for those year groups which are not yet open. This will continue to kindly require your help and support.

In our schools, we will be taking some measures to help both pupils and staff to be as safe as possible. This will include:

- Staggered start and end times to the school day;
- Hand washing/sanitising frequently;
- Limiting class sizes as far as possible and never more than 15. This will form the 'class bubble' and will always stay together;
- The 'class bubble' will avoid mixing with other 'class bubbles' even at breaktime;
- Lunch will be taken in class;
- There will be no sharing of equipment;
- Some markings outside and in corridors will encourage social distancing;
- Your school will significantly limit what your child may bring into school.

We would request from you the following:

- If your child has a temperature or cough, please do not bring your child to school for at least 7 days.
- If a member of the household has a temperature or cough, please do not bring your child to school for 14 days.
- Your child and household are entitled to coronavirus tests if your child develops any new symptoms; you can contact 111 directly to book a test for yourselves
- Please adhere very closely to the drop-off and pick up time advised by us. We will share this information closer to the time of opening the school and is subject to change.
- Please avoid public transport if at all possible.
- Please be respectful of others by maintaining 2-metre distancing at all times. Please keep your child with you at all times.
- Face to face meetings with you will not be taking place. Please call or email the school office if you have any specific queries. Please do not request to enter the school building.

You will receive an electronic form asking you whether you are sending your child to school. Please help us in our plans to open by replying by May 21st. Please feel reassured that you will be able to change your choice in future.

If you have further questions, please email [Enquiries.NPSW@nishkamschools.org](mailto:Enquiries.NPSW@nishkamschools.org), and we will either endeavour to answer your query as soon as possible, and request your patience in advance.

Yours sincerely



**Mr H S Dhanjal**  
**Headteacher**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Will my child always be 2 metres apart from others?

- The government have advised that class sizes will be limited to 15 pupils. We will try our utmost to maintain social distancing of 2 metres. However, for children in reception and in year 1 this will not always be possible.

Can my child wear a mask?

- The government guidance recommends that masks are not advisable in schools.

What if I miss my drop off or pick up slot?

- Please join the queue and kindly remain 2-metres apart. Please do not jump the queue.
- If there is no queue please approach the main office and use the intercom to communicate with the office staff.