



# Highfields Academy

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Good morning everyone,

I hope that you all had a lovely weekend. Today is the first day of the plan to reintroduce all pupils back into full time education and it has gone very smoothly. Today we have 40 children in school and by the end of the week we will be very close to 50 pupils.

Despite thorough planning it was inevitable that we would identify some things today that could be done in a better way so we have made one amendment to the plan. **From tomorrow morning the one way system (Cumberland Avenue and Whitehouse Lane gates) will only be in operation between 8.15am and 4.15pm. This means that for those who are dropping off at Kidspace before 8.15am or collecting after 4.15pm you will be allowed to use both gates as an entrance or an exit.** The whole point of the one way system is to ease the flow of parents at key times and as the numbers are low outside of these times this will not cause a problem.

Currently the plan is open to pupils in Preschool and Reception on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Year 1 pupils on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Year 6 pupils on the 29<sup>th</sup>. However, these dates are under constant review. I would welcome your views about this, particularly if you are a parent of year 6. We have a board meeting on Wednesday evening and we will be reviewing the return so far and our plans for the coming weeks.

Could I also remind all parents that we are now only offering places to eligible children on a full time basis; it is not possible for your children to only attend on certain days.

Finally, as of today I won't be writing to you daily. I do promise that you will get a letter once a week and more frequently if there is any key information that I need to share with you.

It was lovely to see some of you that we haven't seen for a while this morning; hopefully we will see many more of you very soon.

Simon Dyson  
Principal

