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WHOLE SCHOOL COVID-19 UPDATE 12TH MAY 2020

The government has announced its aim to increase the number of children attending school from a date no earlier than 1st June as long as levels of COVID-19 infections allow this.

What we do know is that;

- Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have been identified as being the first year groups to return to school.
- The government has an "ambition" for all primary school children to have some schooling in the last month of the term. This would be from Monday 22nd June.
- Children must be taught in groups of up to 15 per classroom and these groups should be isolated from other groups as far as is possible.

Initial planning is underway as to how we can meet the requirements of the government guidelines but there are some very significant logistical issues that will need to be overcome to maintain a safe environment for everyone in the school.

Without pre-empting the final plan, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to offer a full-time return for all pupils in the second half of the summer term, as the school simply does not have the additional classrooms needed to accommodate the different groups of 15 children at the same time.

Please be patient as it is likely to be well into next week before I am able to let you know how the government's plans will actually look in practice for the school.

KEY WORKER AND VULNERABLE PUPILS:

It has been made clear that, as we enter this new phase, the previous instruction to Key Workers to only send children to school if they cannot be safely looked after at home (in order to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus in school), has been relaxed.

Starting immediately, key worker parents may send their child to school rather than have them looked after at home when they are at work, if they wish.

Parents of children who have been contacted by Mrs Walsh in the past few weeks are now expected to send their child to school, **unless she has agreed that there are good reasons for your child to be at home rather than at school.**

Keep Safe Everyone

J. Aspin
Headteacher