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Dear Parents,

I must admit to feeling somewhat shell-shocked after listening to the prime minister's announcement on Sunday evening about the re-opening of schools on 1st June to FS, Year 1 and Year 6.

I will consider with my senior leaders how we might possibly manage this and I will follow advice from the local authority, the government and trade unions. However I already know that the children will not be able to come in full time because we will have to stagger entry and exit times, playtimes and lunchtimes and keep them in very small groups, with the same adults every day.

Everything we know about Covid-19 is telling us that children are unlikely to become seriously ill or ill at all if they contract it, but I know that some of you will want to keep your children at home even if we could offer a place. The risk to my staff is much greater because to have even FS, Y1 and Y6 in school I would have to recall all the staff and put them in contact with greater numbers of children and each other. The risk to you and the community would be greatly increased too as children and you move between school and home.

I cannot even begin to contemplate a full return at the beginning of July but hopefully we will be in a different position by then.

Next week I will begin to assess the numbers of children we might expect by asking you to email class teachers on the g.mail accounts you are using to tell us about home schooling. DON'T DO THIS YET! I will respect your decision and you will not be penalised for non-attendance during this time, providing of course there is not already a problem.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for the messages of support some of you have sent.

Today and yesterday some of you have taken the trouble to thank us for the home learning prizes. It means a lot to be appreciated.

Take care and stay safe.
Yours sincerely

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