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Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL RE-OPENING PLANNING UPDATE

We have now received some preliminary guidance from the government following on from the Prime Minister's address on 10th May 2020. As you will be aware, primary schools have been asked to start planning for a possible phased return of (Nursery), Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from the 1st June if the government considers it is safe to do so.

One of the challenges that we are now addressing is how we plan for social distancing in school. The government guidance states:

- Groups of children in school can be no larger than 15;
- Groups of children need to stay with the same adult(s) throughout the day;
- Adults shouldn't teach different groups of children;
- Groups of children shouldn't mix with other groups.

(If you would like to read the government guidance for parents, the link is as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>)

Therefore, we are presently taking the following steps to assess the number of children it is possible to accommodate in the school, whilst ensuring the safety of all children, staff and families:

- How we allocate staff to groups so that social distancing can take place;
- How lessons are timetabled so children don't mix with others;
- How to plan staggered breaks, lunchtimes, pick-ups and drop offs;
- How to plan movement around school during the school day;
- How to ensure good hygiene arrangements;
- How to plan extra cleaning throughout the day.

Central to the above, is the assessment of the number of staff available to provide (i) on-site provision and (ii) the continuation of remote learning for those year groups that are not returning to school.

I would like to reassure you that the safety of our children, families and staff is paramount. Hence, it may not be possible to welcome back all children, in the way the prime minister described, if it is not safe to do so.

Thank you for your on-going patience and support in these challenging times. I will contact you in the next few days regarding specific arrangements for the relevant year groups.

Kind regards

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