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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure many of you joined myself and the school staff in watching and listening to Boris Johnson's announcement on Sunday evening at 7pm. I expect you, as we have, continued to follow the varying news threads and government documentation that has been subsequently released this week.

As you are now aware, this announcement included a planned, phased re-opening of schools from 1st June 2020. This applies to nursery, YR, Y1 and Y6 in the first instance.

The released guidance, I can assure you, has been read from cover to cover numerous times by myself. There have been large planning sheets on the table; I am meeting with teaching staff; reviewing documentation continuously, to ensure we are developing the best model possible in light of this announcement.

I want nothing more than to be back in school with all children and staff together once again, providing 'Excellence for each child, each day' through both social and emotional learning, as well as academic learning in order to continue their educational journey in school. It is an uncertain time and for this to happen I must categorically know that we can return in a safe and controlled manner in order to protect the children and staff.

I have attached a link within the email, taking you to a google form for you all to complete as soon as possible please. This is to express your initial thoughts. I will continue to use this approach for varying reasons over the coming weeks and I thank you in advance for your support in this.

As we currently stand, nothing has changed. The school continues to operate as it has been during the lock down. We are providing every pupil with daily home-school learning; marking and feedback from the teachers; childcare and learning support for key worker and vulnerable children. If you feel that your child fits into this category and needs a place in school, please do call the school on the above telephone numbers and we will be happy to help.

Please remember we are here to help you. If at any time you would like to talk to a member of staff, please call the office or email the admin address and we will get back to you. No question or query is too silly or trivial, please do ask.

Please continue to keep yourselves and your families safe and well during this time. I will be in touch again very soon, when I have further clarity and guidance and devise the best model possible for this situation. I will keep you informed as this develops.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Day - Headteacher

