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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will no doubt be aware that last night the Prime Minister made an address to the nation regarding the current plan for the management of COVID-19. The information provided in the announcement by Mr Johnson was received by Head Teachers and school leaders at the same time as you, and we have no more information at present.

I know that as a resident in Newham, that you very justifiably have greater concerns about schools reopening and what measures will be in place to protect your family. I am also giving a great deal of thought to the layout of Star Primary and what measures we can possibly put in place to ensure we are able to comply with social distancing guidelines. It is my understanding that at this moment in time, the decision lies with the parent as to whether they will be confident in sending their child/children to school once we re-open – so I want to reassure you that I will want to take your views into account in any decision making. This week, I will be sending out a very short survey to the parents of Y6, Y1 and YR children to help inform this process. Please try your best to complete this survey – we are available to help you via the school helpdesk.

Along with the whole education profession, we will wait to access the details that follow this week. At this time, there will be no change to our provision. We will continue to provide our weekly home learning planning, resources via google drive, the school website and learning packs. We will also continue to offer our provision for families where all the adults at home are key workers/essential workers. I understand that the announcement last night will cause some confusion for people who cannot work from home and now want their children to return to school, but the school cannot yet open for these children until we have further guidance. So I ask for your patience at this time.

The Leadership Team and myself will work to put our plans in place and to clarify, what these announcements mean for our school, for our children and for you in the future. Consequently, we will be providing more details as soon as is possible and will be seeking your input also. As always, we will continue to do all we can to support our pupils and staff at this very difficult time and we want to thank you again for your support and kind comments. I will update you as soon as possible.

Best wishes for your continued safety,
Ms Von

