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Dear Parents/Carers

**Weekly Update:**

Today I want to keep you updated about what plans are in place for starting to re-open the school. The government has issued the statement that schools should try and re-open on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 for four year groups. It is now down to schools to work out how safe that is and how it will work to socially distance so many children.

My team are working on a Risk Assessment to decide what is the safest way to start re-opening the school. Things that I am thinking about are:

- How can we keep all pupils and their families safe and how can we protect all staff?
- How can we ensure that there will be enough staff to run the school?
- Which year group will be the safest to start returning first?

There is no doubt that for the foreseeable future school will look completely different for the pupils from how they remember it and I am asking my staff to start preparing children for this. Children will be in much smaller groups and of course this requires a lot of staff to supervise all groups. The curriculum will be very different because we will not be able to continue to deliver lessons as planned and home learning will still be in place for the vast majority of pupils.

I know that parents are really anxious for many reasons. Some are now expected to go back to work and need their children to be in school. Others are very understandably worried about sending their child to school and risking them catching or spreading the virus. I assure you again, that it is my understanding that attendance for the rest of this academic year is down to parental choice. The school will support that decision as best we can and work with you to find the best solution.

Whatever we have in place for the 1<sup>st</sup> June will be one small and measured step towards re-opening the school. It is extremely unlikely that it will involve all the year groups that have been mentioned. We will shortly have completed the risk assessment and will be able to share with you how we intend to start re-opening the school.

I urge you to please continue to be as careful as possible and remain at home whenever possible. Daily exercise is now unlimited, but please think carefully about social distances, particularly in parks. One of the concerns around this is that the virus can survive on surfaces for some time, so play equipment is a potential hazard.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this difficult week.  
Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Von

