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Dear Parents and Carers

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Re: Update on Possible Reopening of Schools

Thank you for your patience while we waited for further information on the reopening schools – the government has now published more guidance, and we summarise what we know so far below.

To recap, if the government thinks it's safe, schools will reopen from 1 June for Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be creating a detailed plan to make sure we can safely welcome these year groups back, if it's safe for us to start the phased reopening of the school at that point. Precautions we'll be taking include:

- A phased return for Foundation Stage, followed by Year 1 and then Year 6
- Limiting class sizes by splitting the year group
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to government guidance for further details of these groups.

I want to reassure you that we won't be pressuring parents to send their children to school – you know what's best for your child's health and wellbeing. We'll provide you with more details on the arrangements for reopening in the coming week, so you can make the appropriate decision.

Please be reminded that in the meantime, the school is still open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. Until we're told it's safe to do so, we're unable to provide places for other children.

We'll keep you updated once we know more about when the school will be able to reopen for other year groups. For pupils at home, we'll continue to support you and your child with home learning and meal support for those eligible.

Should you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate in contacting school.

Yours sincerely

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