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Dear Parents & Carers,

As promised in my letter on the 11th May, here is an update following the Government announcement of the possible partial opening of schools from June 1st.

Further guidance from the Department for Education has now been released and it is evident that opening our school safely and interpreting/following guidance is not going to be an easy feat that we can do in a few days. We are grateful for the advanced notice as we have many Health and Safety considerations to plan before opening.

The DFE states that class sizes should not be larger than 15 pupils. We are in the process of working out the maths to fit Y6, Y1, YR and the children we provide childcare for in groups to all our classrooms across the school. Some groups may have to be smaller depending on the size of the room to be able to maintain social distancing. Unfortunately, this means children may not be with their usual class teacher but we will endeavour to group with a familiar adult.

We will not be running any extended school clubs this term, our school site will need to be clear of pupils, and staff to enable the cleaning team to deep clean the school.

We are looking and planning to how we can utilise our outside space, stagger breaks and lunches along with start and end times or even reduced days to accommodate all pupils safely.

To support our planning we have sent a Survey Monkey questionnaire to parents of pupils in Y6, Y1 and YR asking them to indicate whether they would be sending their child back to school if we were to re-open from June 1st. The closing date for this survey is tomorrow.

The Government are strongly recommending pupils return to school, however this is parental choice and I will support your decision as a parent as each of you will have your own individual circumstances. Schools will not be penalising pupils for non-attendance. Teachers will continue to send out the weekly learning grids via Dojo and the school website. Pupils who do attend school will also follow the learning grid but our main priority will be PSHE and well-being.

Parents who have already completed the survey monkey have asked some very good and valid questions. We will continue to collate all of these and provide you with a Q&A sheet, I am sure you will all have similar worries and concerns.

I want to reassure you that the safety of our school community is an absolute priority and that our school will only open if we can meet the guidelines set by the DFE and LA.

I will send out further detailed information in the coming weeks to keep you updated on our progress. This will include, organisation of the school, plans in place to further protect and reduce risk to the children, families, staff and our school community from Coronavirus.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Lisa Steedman
Headteacher