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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Head Teachers have been asked to prepare to reopen schools for 1st June at the earliest and only if the conditions are right. We know this is a very worrying time for you and we want to continue to support you as much as we can. As Government guidance suggest, we will be looking to welcome back children only in **Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Nursery**, alongside priority groups (those children of **key workers** and those **families being supported with a social worker**). **Nursery children will be reviewed at a later date as we do not have the capacity to do so at present.**

This decision by the government is based on the latest scientific advice. By returning pupils gradually, schools are to initially reduce the number of children in classrooms compared to usual and put protective measures in place to reduce risks.

The government have told us that they will only welcome back additional year groups, if the most up-to-date assessment of the risk posed by the virus indicates it is appropriate to have larger numbers of children within schools. The safety of children and staff is our utmost priority.

During the next week, a member of staff will contact families of the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children to confirm if you wish to take the offer of a place in school. Potentially, we have approximately 120 children that we will need to accommodate during this time so this will allow us to ensure correct and safe staffing ratios. We are very much at the planning stage so would really appreciate knowing who will be coming to school.

Information (taken from Government guidance) that may help you make your decision:

- Children will be placed in classes of no more than 15 children, seated 2 metres apart.
- It may be that your child will not have their usual teacher.
- It may be that your child will not have their usual classroom.
- We may need to reorganise classes so your child might not be with close friends.
- Start and finish times will be different for each class.
- Children will not be allowed to mix with other classes to support social distancing.
- Children will receive a packed lunch each day, where entitled. Children may bring their own packed lunch.
- We will operate a recovery curriculum; the priority will be on supporting children's emotional well-being in the first instance.
- If a parent chooses not to send their child, they will not be penalised in any way, i.e. fines.
- If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 within the class, the whole class will be told to isolate at home for 14 days.

We will be in touch next week with parents/carers in year groups Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Take care and thank you for your support during this time. Stay Safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hodgson
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