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Dear Parents and Carers,

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 to re-open on the 1st June 2020 for some year groups. It is now for us to work out how to do this safely and how to socially distance the children and adults.

We are working on a Risk Assessment to decide what is the safest way to start to re-open the school. We are considering:

- How we can keep children and their families safe and how we can protect all staff.
- How we can ensure that there will be enough staff to run the school safely.
- In which order and on what dates the groups can return safely.

Once we have worked out what is best and safest for everyone, we will share with you how we intend to start re-opening. We will be taking small and measured steps and will send you direct notification of the date school will be open for your child. Children *will not* be coming back at the same time.

There is no doubt that school will look completely different from how children remember it and we will support you in preparing children for this. Children will be in much smaller groups and this requires a lot of staff to supervise all groups. The curriculum and delivery will be very different to usual, however, we will continue to provide home learning via our website for those children who will continue to learn from home.

I know that parents are anxious for many reasons. Some are now expected to go back to work, others are understandably worried about sending their child to school and risking them catching or spreading the virus. It is my understanding that attendance for the rest of this academic year is down to parental choice. Whatever you decide, we will support your decision as best we can.

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

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Take care,

Ms Norris

