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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am that sure many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's address to the nation on Sunday evening and read subsequent details either online or in the media.

You will have heard the Prime Minister indicating that the government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of schools from 1<sup>st</sup> June, starting with pupils in nurseries, reception, year one and year six. This is part of the government's conditional plan which it says will remain under regular review and is yet to be final.

We know that you will understand that the safety of everyone in the school community is paramount. We all want to get more pupils back into school as soon as it is safe to do so. However, I do want to stress that my first priority has to be the health and well-being of all our children, families and our staff.

Whatever happens before September, it is extremely unlikely that school will look anything like it did before lockdown. As you can imagine, social distancing is an unclear concept for many of our children and especially the youngest. People are still advised to minimise their social contact. This is likely to have a significant impact on the number of adults available to work in our school and therefore the number of children in school at any one time will need to be much reduced. This means that we have much planning (including maintaining our virtual learning), risk assessments and safeguarding issues to work through before we can open the school safely.

The key message is that this phased re-opening of schools needs to be done carefully and safely and I am sure you will bear with us whilst we do this. We will be sending you more information as things become clearer to us and we receive further guidance from central government, the DfE and the Local Authority.

We thank you for your understanding at this time.

With best wishes

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