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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for the amazing work you continue to do at home and for your unwavering support. I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

As you will no doubt have seen this Sunday, the government outlined their plan for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to school on the 1st of June - if the science permits.

Our school team have been working hard to formulate outline plans, detailing possible ways in which we could achieve this safely. It is not a simple task and I cannot yet give you exact details of the plans; however, they will inevitably involve some of the following: staggered start and finish times, smaller class groups, restricted movement around the school and social distancing measures.

The key priorities in devising these plans is to ensure the safety of all those in our school community, reduce the spread of the virus and give your children the very best education we can. Whilst we will make every effort to keep your children socially distanced - including classroom spacing, cleaning routines, set places, etc. - I must make you aware that the guidance I have received recognises that you cannot socially distance the youngest children in the primary years and so it may also be necessary, in some year groups, to reduce the school week to ensure we can safely teach.

Enforcing such restrictions means that the children will have the opportunity to once again come to school. However, it will be a vastly different experience to when they last attended school back in March.

As a school, we will support any choice that parents make regarding the education of their children over the coming half term. We appreciate you will have challenging decisions to make and you are the ones best placed to make it for your children. Parents will not be penalised if they choose to keep their children at home and we will continue to provide resources for home learning.

As soon as we have more information, we will share our plans with you. In the meantime, if you have any specific questions or concerns and would like to speak with me, please contact the school office on the Sandpits Road site and I will respond to your call as soon as I am able.

Kind regards

Kate Mather