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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: School Response to the Government's latest update

We are writing to let you know what our school is currently doing with regards to the government's announcement last night.

As we have said before, as a school, we do not get any information before the general public, so we heard the news at the same time as you yesterday. At this moment in time, our school is still closed to the majority of children and we are only open for a reduced provision to children whose parents are deemed critical workers.

Over the past couple of weeks we have been engaging with the Local Authority, OFSTED and the unions to investigate ways in which schools can reopen safely when and if this is allowed. As of this morning, we do not have any official guidance as to how this will or can happen so we are unable to make any decisions at this current time. All we can say is that our main priority will be the safety of everyone who comes onto our school site and that we will only open when it is safe to do so.

The earliest we will possibly reopen is 1st June and this will be for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are expecting further information to be sent out to schools today however, what we can say is that school will not be like what it was previously. There will be significantly fewer children in each classroom, probably on a significantly reduced timetable (both hours and days) and what we offer in terms of provision / curriculum will be what we deem to be most appropriate for the children and staff. There will also be a rota of staff who will be covering these classes / groups so the children may not always be with their own class teacher.

We would like to have your opinion as to what you, as a parent, are most concerned about and what you feel schools need to take into account before and when they reopen. To do this, we will be sending out a link to an online questionnaire that you can complete. This will come out tomorrow once we have more information from the government.

Until all children are back in school, we will continue to upload learning activities onto Google Classroom during term times and staff will be contacting all families whilst children are at home to keep in touch.

We will keep you updated with any future decisions and changes whenever we can.

In the meantime, please carry on encouraging your child to do the home learning and use the year group email addresses to communicate with your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr Allen
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

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