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Dear Parents/ Carers

I said in my letter earlier this week that I would update you with regards to the government announcement on extending school provision.

You may be aware that the government have asked that, alongside key worker and vulnerable pupils, schools plan for the return of pupils in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6. They have also asked schools to offer some face to face contact with year 10 and year 12 pupils. For these year groups it will not be a return to full timetables or pupils back in school full time, rather some support to supplement pupils' remote education. The expectation is this will begin after the 1st June.

Whilst we still await the complete guidance from the Department for Education, we have developed a set of principles that will help our schools in the detailed planning that is required to move to this next stage. **The safety of your children and our colleagues is absolutely at the forefront of our planning and will guide any decisions that we make.**

For our primary schools, our planning will be determined by the capacity of each school to welcome back pupils safely and we are looking very carefully at the logistics of this. To this end, we will shortly be emailing home a simple form asking parents with children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 to indicate whether they will be taking up this provision. This information is an essential part of the planning process. Please do look out for this email and help us by returning the form promptly.

The situation regarding year 10 and 12 is far less clear and we understand that further guidance on this will be published by the government next week. We will inform you of our plans as soon as possible.

Whilst we will continue to see a number of pupils in our schools, we are also conscious that the main delivery of education for some time will be through remote learning. Indeed, for many year groups this will remain their only source of schooling until September at the earliest. Alongside our plans for welcoming some pupils back, we are also reviewing our remote learning and considering how we might develop this further to support pupils learning at home. We will be sending you a short survey next week and your responses will help us in this development.

We miss your children and are very keen to welcome as many of them back to school as is possible. The expectation is that schools **begin to re-open from June 1st** and we will keep you updated regularly regarding our plans, giving you ample notice of when your child can return.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Andrea Arlidge
Chief Executive