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Dear Parents,

Re: Update on Possible Reopening of Schools

Thank you for your patience while we waited for further information on reopening schools - the government has now published more guidance as to what this might entail and the following link will take you to the information for [parents](#).

To recap, if the government thinks it is safe, schools will reopen from 1st June to Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils.

No two schools are the same and the specific arrangements will vary between settings. We have already begun developing a detailed plan as to how we might begin to welcome our Year 6 pupils back from 1st June, but only if it is safe to do so.

Some of the precautions we will be taking include:

Limiting class sizes;

Staggering pick-up and drop-off times;

Staggering break times and if necessary, lunchtime;

Increasing cleaning schedules;

Ensuring pupils and staff with Covid-19 symptoms remain at home.

We have already been contacted by Year 6 parents expressing concerns about sending children back to school. Whilst the government will strongly be encouraging eligible pupils to attend, only you know what's best in terms of your child's health and wellbeing. Current guidance states that no parent will be penalised if their child does not attend at this time and we will keep you abreast of any changes regarding this.

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if it is safe for them to return. If in doubt, please refer to the following [government guidance](#).

Naturally, our Year 6 pupils will have lots of questions and perhaps some concerns about returning to school after such a long break, and in the context of a pandemic. As always, pupil well-being is paramount and we will do everything we can to ensure as smooth and positive a transition back into school as possible. Nearer the time, we will send out information to the children so they know what to expect when they arrive.

On Monday, to help us with our planning, we will be asking Year 6 parents to complete a simple survey to help us identify likely numbers of pupils returning.



Further details on the arrangements for reopening will be sent out in the coming weeks and we will continue to remain open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of keyworkers.

Kind regards,

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Mrs J M Taylor
Headteacher

