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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Re-opening Proposals

We hope you and your families are well. Further to my letter dated 11th May, the government has published more guidance on the possible reopening of primary schools. Thank you for your patience in awaiting further communication from the school.

If the government thinks it is safe, schools may reopen from Monday 1st June to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. The government will encourage children in the eligible year groups and priority groups to attend school, unless they are self-isolating or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions).

Over the coming weeks, we aim to create a detailed plan for welcoming individual year groups back to school, in line with government guidelines and in consultation with the Local Authority. If it is considered safe for schools to start the phased reopening, we will provide you with more details on the arrangements for reopening closer to the time. Please note that this **does not mean that we will reopen for all of these year groups on this date and it will not be 'business as usual'**. Indeed, not all eligible year groups may be in school every day. More details will follow.

We understand that government proposals to reopen have been met with mixed feelings and acknowledge that this is a decision which must be taken by each family with deep thought and care. As a school, we shall endeavour to work carefully within the government guidelines and with the safety of our children, staff and parents as our primary concern. Should you wish for your child to return when we reopen, this would be for every school day with absences reported to the school in the usual way. **Please note, we understand that many parents may decide not to send their children to school: it will not affect attendance records and no fines will apply.** Home-school provision will continue to be provided until we receive further guidance.

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will receive a phone call on Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th May to find out if you are planning to send your child in once school opens. This will allow us to start formulating our plans ahead of our potential return.

Please be reminded that in the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers and will continue to be after the 1st June. Until we're told it's safe to do so, we are unable to provide places for other children.

You may have further questions. Until we receive further information from the government, and know how many children will be returning, it is difficult to be able to answer many of these. We shall send more information as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

