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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families all well, coping and staying safe? As the weeks go by, we know and understand how difficult this unprecedented situation is for some but we are astounded by the sense of community, the sense of family, the sense of togetherness from everyone and what ultimately is 'flourishing together'. We are truly living out our school vision.

I am sure after the Prime Ministers statement last night, there are lots of questions you have - we too have lots of questions that need clarification.

At the moment, for us at school, there is **no change to the guidance**. We will provide care for those parents/carers whose work is critical and essential to the COVID – 19 response and for those children who are vulnerable and need extra support. The message is still that it is safer to **stay at home**.

We have not yet received any information or guidance to support us with this new plan to start the phased reopening of some year groups. We expect we will receive further information from the DfE today, hopefully with some detailed clarification and ways forward.

We will need this clear guidance to plan how it is possible to social distance in schools and keep our children, our staff and families safe; how we might start to phase groups of children returning and what this will look like. Please be assured that as a school, we will only open when it is safe to do so and we have all the appropriate measures and precautions in place for all those involved.

We have been in regular contact with many families already but have begun contacting all families via phone to chat and catch up with how things are going, how you and the children are doing and essentially building relationships back up as we have only had contact through email. We know how important relationships are for us, especially our children and this will be something that will form an essential part of our 'return' to school plan. Please note that some staff are and will be doing this from home and it may be an unseen mobile number – they are new school mobiles bought for this purpose.



As always, we will keep you informed and please try not to worry. Our plan for now is to continue to provide tasks and activities for learning at home, keep in contact with you, our families and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

Please remember we are all in this together and we will do our best to support you as much as we can. Take care and stay safe.

With very best wishes,

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