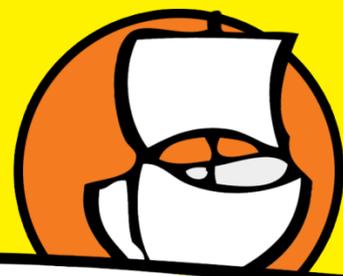


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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have been able to enjoy some of the beautiful weather this bank holiday weekend and are feeling refreshed.

Many of you will have watched the prime minister's announcement last night regarding the government's plans moving forward. The key points relating to schools were as follows:

- **All plans are conditional.** The 'R' number (rate of transmission from person to person) will be closely monitored and any plans or dates will be modified accordingly.
- **The government hopes that primary schools will open first, in stages, from 1st June if it is deemed safe to do so.**
- **The government wishes to direct children in Reception, Y1 and Y6 to return first.**
- **A 50-page guidance document will be published later today.**

Whilst we are delighted about the prospect of welcoming pupils to school again soon, I know that for many of you, this announcement will have prompted further questions and possibly some concerns. For the time being, we share many of these same questions. However, we are assured that further guidance will be published later today and we will be working carefully over the coming weeks to ensure that each of these questions are answered. I would like to reassure you again that the safety of your child, our team and your broader family remain our primary focus when making forward plans.

For now, we will begin to work towards the date suggested by the prime minister but must be prepared for this to change. It would not be helpful at this point for me to begin hypothesising what the provision may look like but I will keep you updated as soon as we can be clearer. In the meantime, please do bear with us as we await and seek further information. **If you do have any pressing questions or queries, please email me at the address below rather than calling the school office.** Many thanks for your understanding.

Finally, I would like to thank my incredible colleagues. Throughout these unusual times, they have each shown an enormous level of commitment, compassion and determination in providing the best support possible for our pupils. I cannot thank them enough for all that they do and can reassure you that, however our return to school will work, our team will be with you every step of the way.

Best wishes,

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