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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Phased opening of Early Years settings and schools to Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6 from 1<sup>st</sup> June**

We hope you are all staying safe and keeping well. I write following the announcement that from 1<sup>st</sup> June at the earliest, primary pupils may be able to begin going back to school in stages, beginning with **Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6**. We want to reiterate that your child's safety is our primary concern during their phased return to education.

We have been given guidance from the Department for Education on how to do this and would encourage you to look at the following link to see what the expectations are on schools to do this safely.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june>

We have remained open to children of key workers and other designated children as per our initial instructions from the Department for Education. We will continue to do this until the process of returning begins officially.

We will update you with our strategies on how to do this safely, following the Department for Education guidance, as soon as possible. Each school has to ensure that the return is appropriate to their setting and this will mean some alteration of class spaces to allow social distancing, a focus on how we manage times such as lunch and breaktimes, class timetables along with procedures on how children enter and leave school. Additional cleaning procedures for the school will continue along with regular hand washing procedures for children and staff. It will mean that when children return to school it may seem different at first to what they are used to but our dedicated staff will be here to support them.

We appreciate your patience during this difficult time and thank you for all of your support.

Yours sincerely,

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