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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds everyone safe and well.

As you will no doubt know the Prime Minister spoke on Sunday evening about the possible phased re-opening of schools for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from 1st June.

I am sure that following the Prime Minister's statement there will be lots of questions that you as parents have. Indeed, as a head teacher I have lots of questions myself that need clarification. We do expect to receive guidance from the Department for Education soon and are hoping this may answer some of our questions and make things clearer.

Whilst we are keen to get our school back up and running, we need to ensure that any return is carefully planned and that the safety and welfare of pupils and staff is not compromised. We are starting to plan how school could operate for the year groups that are expected to return. We are also looking at our classrooms to see how best they could be laid out to ensure a safer school environment, as well as considering our cleaning and caretaking routines.

Obviously, we are a very small school, and it is likely that any return to school will be on a limited part-time timetable. We will be contacting all parents using a Parenthub survey to see what your feelings are on their proposed return to school. If we have a better idea of how many children we can expect, then this will help us plan further. Please do respond as soon as possible to the Parenthub survey and rest assured that your answers at this stage are not definitive, you will be able to change your mind at any point, we just need an idea of numbers to start planning for.

I appreciate that Sunday's announcement will have caused concerns and worries for our families and I share these worries with you, as do our valued staff. Please be reassured you that we will be taking every possible measure to make school as safe as possible for pupils and staff, and once again we would like to thank you for your continued support. We really appreciate how flexible and thoughtful our families have been in this time. Please rest assured that we will open only once 100% prepared and where we believe all are safe.

I will keep you up to date with information as it becomes available. Once the government have provided clarification on how the phased return to schools will work, we will be better able to finalise our plans and share these with our families. Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning at home, stay in contact with all our families and continue to support each other in these difficult and uncertain times.

As always, please look after yourselves and each other, and do get in touch with school if we can be of any help.

Take care,

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Head Teacher

