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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am getting in touch to update you on arrangements for re-opening schools and nurseries, following the Prime Minister's address to the country on Sunday, and guidance published by the Department for Education on Monday evening.

The current planning is that primary schools may be re-opening from 1 June for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The guidance also indicates that the Government hopes that all primary children will return to school before the summer holidays. **This is very much dependent on progress in containing the Coronavirus continuing and the Government being clear that certain conditions have been met.**

**Most importantly though, for now, nothing has changed.** The children of key workers, as well as any children who are vulnerable, will continue to come into school as they have since the lockdown began.

**To be clear, the definition of key workers has not changed.** For all other children, we will continue to provide distance learning to minimise any disruption to their learning.

We are currently working through the detail of the guidance from the Department for Education. This includes advice that class or group sizes should be halved, and pupils in these groups should keep 2m away from each other where possible.

We will ensure there is strict adherence to what the Government call 'the hierarchy of controls' in school, namely:

- Minimising contact with unwell individuals (please keep your child home if they or any other member of the household is ill with Covid-19 like symptoms)
- The encouragement of regular hand cleaning
- Good respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it)
- Regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces
- Minimising contact and mixing of children

The safety of your children and our staff remain our number one priority and will be the key driver in any decisions we take.

In addition to continuing to provide home learning resources for all pupils, over the coming three weeks we will be preparing for the phased re-opening in line with the Government announcement. This will include:

- Arrangements to help ensure social distancing within school – this will include class and group sizes, arrangements for drop off and pick up, staggering break and lunchtimes, use of outdoor space
- Travel arrangements to and from school in line with further guidance expected from DFE



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- Catering arrangements.
- Deep clean of the school and the cleaning rota once we are open.

We will be in touch with you as soon as we have more details, and setting out progress on our preparations. In the coming days we will also be in touch to begin to get an idea of potential numbers of children from eligible years possibly attending from the beginning of June.

As ever, if you have any questions please do get in touch through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Cadman

Principal