

Monday 11th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you following the Prime Minister's announcement last night about the potential phased re-opening of schools. Like you no doubt, I was keen to hear what he had to say. I recognise that this is a really stressful time for you and your family, and we are all really looking forward to the children returning to school when it is safe to do so.

There are lots of questions about how the phased return should be implemented and schools are expected to receive details from the Department for Education at some point this week. The top priority has to be the safety of everyone – pupils, families and our staff. This will be our overriding consideration when reviewing the guidance and considering the implications for all of our school community.

As soon as we have received advice from the Department of Education, we can then put concrete plans into place. We will act as quickly as possible to make all the necessary arrangements and will communicate those to you as soon as we can. Until then, we are unable to answer specific questions about the re-opening.

We will continue to welcome the children of critical workers and vulnerable children in line with national guidance. We will also continue to provide support for home learning until guidance for doing so changes.

I hope to be able to send out another letter later this week with some more information.

In the meantime, for specific queries about classwork, please keep in touch with your child's teacher via Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Smart
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