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## Letter to parents Friday May 15th 2020

Dear Parents,

## I hope everyone is well and staying safe at home.

**Return to School.** You will no doubt have seen the latest announcements regarding the phased re introduction of primary schools. The provisional date being suggested is the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. On writing this to you all I am not sure yet how this will work. There are still many questions that need answering; you will appreciate the difficulties in trying to get young children to "self-distance". This is just one area of school (and there are many more) that the governors and I need to consider before any of the children return. Ensuring the safety of the children and staff has always been my number one priority; on writing this letter to you, I am not sure how I can guarantee this come the first week of June. Next week I plan to meet with senior leaders and the governors to consider how best we can manage the phased introduction back into school for some of the children. This will also afford school more time to consider the guidance that the government has provided us with earlier this week. As soon as I have the semblance of a plan, I will write to all concerned.

Key Workers. A reminder that school remains open for children of key workers. The advice however remains the same please only use school as a last resort, if children can stay at home then please keep them at home. Staying at home is the most effective way of stopping the spread of the virus and thus allow things to return to normal sooner rather than later. Please stay home if it is at all possible.

FSM Vouchers. Any issues please contact school and we will try to help you.

**Home Learning** Please keep checking the website for Home Learning updates, many thanks to Mrs Logue for all she has done in maintaining and updating our "Home Learning tab on the website. Please also keep abreast of our twitter feed, which also has some excellent ideas/activities to do at home. Please also send us any photos you have o0f the children completing their work and we can display them on our twitter feed.

<u>Please pray for:</u> Mr Charles Lafferty RIP and the Lafferty family at this sad time for all of them. Please stay safe and take care.

M Aldred. Head teacher.

