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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is well and staying safe. We are living through a national crisis the like of which none of us has experienced before. Since schools closed as part of the government's "lockdown strategy", we have been open for families of key workers. I want to thank everyone who has been involved in keeping school open in what has been, and continues to be an extremely challenging time.

Last week the government announced that it wanted schools to start planning for a phased re introduction of more children into school. The date suggested was June 1st at the earliest. This date is dependent on a number of tests being met and is constantly reviewed by government. The Department for Education has sent out guidelines to all schools about how this phased re introduction to school might work.

You can appreciate that even with the guidance issued accepting extra children back into school safely is extremely challenging, indeed the government have acknowledged that social distancing for example in schools is not feasible. Currently the governors and I are trying to consider ways in which we can accept some more children into school, it would however as I wrote last week be impossible to fully guarantee everyone's safety.

Once governors have ratified the staged re introduction of some additional children I will inform parents how this is going to work on Thursday May 21st. I have to stress that school will not function as it did before the closure and parents will need to consider if they want to engage with the plan or not. I have been informed that parents in Reception/Y1 and Y6 will not be penalised if they choose not to send their children to school.

Take care and stay safe.

Father Simon Ellis Chair of Governors
Mr M Aldred Head teacher



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