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Reopening of schools from 1st June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, I am writing to you, with further information about the proposed reopening of schools in England from 1st June. The government has said that this is still conditional on meeting the 5 key tests they have set, which includes the rate of infection being reduced. Schools, however, have been asked to start planning to reopen, ahead of the confirmation that these tests have been met.

Staff, governors and I are currently working on a comprehensive health and safety plan, to apply the national guidance (COVID19: Implementing Protective Measures in Education & Childcare Settings). Only if governors and I are confident that we can apply all of the safety measures, will we reopen school to more children after half term.

What we do know, is that whenever we get confirmation about the 5 key tests, junior schools are being asked to start re-opening to **year six** children in **small groups** first.

Our initial thoughts are that the earliest we could invite year six children into school is **the week beginning Monday 8th June**.

At the beginning of June, staff will contact each year six family to explain the plans and procedures.

The government has announced that families who choose not to bring their child to school during this period, will not be fined.

In the meantime, school is still closed to all but vulnerable children and the children of key workers.

I understand that there is still a lot of uncertainty and anxiety and that this information may pose more questions than answers. Please be assured that the safety of children, staff and adults comes first. I will write to you again to update you with more information about what will happen from the 8th June onwards.

Kind regards

Mrs Parry-Jones

