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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the announcement from the Government on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020, I thought I would write to update you on a number of things as I am sure you will have lots of questions that you would like answers to. We also have lots of questions that need clarification and are working in partnership with the LA, DFE and Trade Unions to ensure we act appropriately in a timely manner.

As far as things currently stand for schools, there is no immediate change. As requested by the Government, we continue to organise a reduced provision for our vulnerable children and for children of key workers who are not able to safely look after their children at home. Please can I reiterate, only send your child to school if a) both parents are key workers b) you have no alternative arrangements.

The message from us is that it is safer to stay at home. You may also be aware from Monday's briefing, that the Government may want us to open for some children in some year groups on Monday 1st June. The suggestion is schools could open to children in year's reception, 1 and 6. Like you, we have only just seen the announcement and at this stage, we cannot answer any additional questions.

We are currently waiting to receive more information from the Government about what this means for schools, if/when we are asked to receive other pupils. We will provide further information in the coming weeks once we are able to do so. We expect we will receive further information from the DFE shortly, hopefully with some clarification.

We will need clear guidelines to plan how it is possible to socially distance in schools and keep our children, teachers and families safe; how we might start to phase groups of children returning and what this looks like. Please be assured that we will only reopen when we are fully prepared.

### Contact with families

By now all of you should have received at least one phone call from your class teacher. This will continue and will enable you and the children to speak directly to them and discuss any learning issues/problems you may have. This will also give you the opportunity to celebrate any home learning achievements.

As always, we will keep you informed but for now, please try not to worry. We will continue to provide learning activities to complete at home, keep contact with you, our families, and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.





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## Thankyou

Once again, thank you for your continued support. As everything is changing so rapidly - we will endeavour to adapt and keep you updated. We will get through this together as a learning community. Stay safe and please pass on my best wishes to all the children.

Yours sincerely

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