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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your kind words and understanding in the email responses you have been sending to school; I really do appreciate your support. I know that you will be anxious about making the right decision as to whether to send your child/ children back to school. As you can all imagine, the guidance from the Government changes daily and is not always accurate. At the moment, we are working hard to understand all the documentation and put a plan together, as to how we can do this, when the safety of our children, staff and families is the priority, above all else.

The plan so far is that the children will be in small groups with one adult and will remain in that group throughout their time in school, to reduce mixing with others. There will be staggered drop-off and pick-ups along with break-times and lunchtimes being altered. Social distancing will be encouraged but you will understand that this is a huge challenge with younger children and is not normal for us in school. However, we will promote this as much as possible, for our own safety and that of the children. Cleaning is the key so handwashing will be continual along with cleaning of all equipment and resources, and there will be limited resources available for children to use, to avoid any contamination. Parents will be asked to follow strict procedures so we will reduce amount of adult contact.

I am facing huge challenges in finalising pupil numbers and staffing numbers, whilst needing to protect and keep safe everyone that comes onto our school site. My plans are changing daily which is why I am unable to release any confirmed arrangements at the moment, but I promise they will be shared. Please be aware that these plans are only a draft and we do not know if opening on 1st June for FS and Y1 is actually achievable. It might be that we can only offer a few days and different days, there are lots of options and possibilities on the table. I also have to ensure provision for the children of Key Workers and those who are vulnerable.

I ask that you bear with us and be patient, which I know I will have your support on. We will get there.

Yours sincerely

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