



11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you are all staying well and keeping yourselves safe. Hopefully you all managed to celebrate VE Day on Friday (don't forget to email us your photographs), and for those of you in the midst of Ramadan, I trust it is going well (not easy for you during these warm, longer days).

You will, I am sure, have heard the Prime Minister's announcement last night of a *hope* to start phasing children back into school on 1st June, starting with Reception, year one and year six.

I only know as much as you do and have nothing further to add at this time. I do not wish to start speculating about what this will mean in practice. The Local Authority has regular contact with the Department for Education, and I am sure that over the coming days they will be working hard to gather more information and to start putting plans together. Once this information has filtered down to Heads, we can start to make firm plans for how we see this working in our own schools.

I know you will have many questions about safety and social distancing - as do we - but please rest assured that whenever children do start to return to school as 'normal', we will ensure that any guidelines around this are carefully planned in, and already we are starting to think about some of the practicalities surrounding all of this.

As we have said so many times before, these uncharted waters are a learning curve for us all, and first and foremost come the health, safety and mental well-being of all of our pupils and staff. My personal feeling is that we need a lot more information from the government about what their expectations are, and the appropriate guidance on how we safely meet these expectations, before we can start planning properly.

As always, I will keep you updated as soon as I have relevant information to share with you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jordan