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Dear Parents and Carers

### Update regarding Phased Reopening

I am sure that you all enjoyed half term, especially with the glorious weather. The small things in life have never seemed so important, with me getting excited that the garden waste bin collections restart this week!

I thought it important to update you at the start of this week, as we prepare to welcome more children back to school. It is important that you continue to check emails as we seek to keep you updated. When year groups are due back in school, an email will be sent to those parents asking key questions. If you don't reply it takes staff a long time to then call each of you to ask those questions. I would ask that you continue to help us by responding by the deadline given please.

Throughout this extraordinary time, I have sought to be clear in my decision making and communication. This will continue and I also appreciate that you have been doing the same. We have received such supportive emails, that we have shared with each other and will genuinely treasure.

I have also read emails which have asked some pertinent questions and given me new ideas to think about too. Please do continue to send me those, if you have something to suggest or to ask. I won't always get everything right and I know that we won't always agree, but I do firmly believe that our community is amazing, built on firm foundations.

Our joint desire is for us all to be back together and for your children to be back in school as soon as possible. I absolutely agree, and we are working to that end, but ensuring that all the correct risk assessments and new protocols are in place first, of which there are many. Liaising closely with the Local Authority, the Department for Education and other Headteachers enables us to learn from each other and share best practice. An average of 50 key worker children have been in school over half term and we expect that number to increase.

Our focus for this week is to prepare the site for Year 6, Year 1 and Reception returning. Year 6 will be back at school on Monday 8th June and the teachers will be in touch with those parents



this week. Children will be taught in smaller groups and will be either in Mon/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday.

We will send questionnaires to Year 1 and Reception parents this week, to ascertain the take up of places so that we can continue to make detailed plans. The current plan is for Year 1 to return, in smaller groups, on Monday 22nd June.

The main issue with the return of the younger children, is the sheer number of parents that will be on site, in proximity. We will be putting in measures to control that as much as possible but your ideas, thoughts and cooperation will be vital in this.

I will keep you informed if there is any change to these dates.

Yours faithfully,

**Helen Stott**  
**Headteacher**