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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you will have all watched the Prime Minister's statement last night. He said that as part of careful steps to modify some of the lockdown restrictions, it may be possible to begin the phased reintroduction of some primary aged pupils by 1st June, particularly those pupils in reception, year 1 and year 6.

The Prime Minister's words were heavily caveated and conditional: "If we as a nation begin to fulfil the conditions I have set out, then in the next few weeks and months, we may be able to go further. In step two at the earliest by June 1st after half term, we believe we may be in a position to get primary pupils back into schools, in stages, beginning with reception, year 1 and year 6. Our ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays."

I know that many of us want to understand the rationale and the science behind these proposed steps, and the public health guidance on whether and how it is possible to implement social distancing with very small children.

Knowing this information now, the temptation will be to start planning using one of a number of planning tools in circulation, including the recovery plan we have already constructed as a school. However, we don't yet have the detailed guidance and it may be that in an attempt to plan further, we make imprecise assumptions.

June 1st doesn't feel very far away and includes another bank holiday and what in more normal times would be half term. Please note that the Prime Minister said that June 1st is the earliest date. So, for now, we have to wait until we have the DfE's more detailed guidance.

I will be in touch over the coming days and weeks with further information, once the government has provided us with it. In the short term, nothing has changed and we will continue as we have been.

I hope that you were all able to enjoy some of the sunshine over the bank holiday weekend and that you are all safe and well. As always, please look after yourselves and thank you once again for your patience, understanding and support during these unprecedented times.

Many thanks and kind regards,



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