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Dear Parent/Carer

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Covid-19 Update

Further to Paul Rickeard's letter yesterday, I am writing to give you an update on the school's position following the government's latest announcement on social distancing measures.

Despite the public announcement, we have not received any specific guidance relating to expectations of schools opening to more children. We anticipate that the social distancing rules of 2m will be reduced to 1m with effect from 4th July but this is yet to be confirmed.

Our Health and Safety Advisor is attending school on Friday 16th June 2020 to explore and advise us on how many additional children this means we will be able to offer places to. It is our understanding that any additional places will be for the children in the nominated year groups (Reception, Year 1 & Year 6). Once this information is clear we will be able to revise and update our risk assessments and will then contact the necessary parents direct.

Similarly, the government have announced that they want "all children back in September" but again there is no guidance on this at the moment and we would be unable to facilitate this with a 1m distancing rule in place and the current Health and Safety requirements. As such we will need to prepare a new plan for September once the new guidance is received.

Perhaps the one fact I can confirm is that our school will not be open during the summer holidays. The government have announced that additional funding will be made available for 'catch up' programmes and it would be our intention to get our children back to school; ensure they feel safe and that they are given time and support if necessary to settle back into what will be a very different school; carry out a baseline assessment of where they are in terms of their learning and then identify children who will benefit from taking part in a 'catch up' intervention group. This is how we would prefer to manage the return to school in September but again, we await instruction from the DfE.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Myers

Head Teacher

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