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Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure that you will have heard and read a lot of media coverage about the reopening of schools along with resistance from unions and local councils across the country. After carrying out a robust risk assessment and following advice from the Trust and our Local Authority, the earliest date we can **consider** to have a phased return to school will be **June 8th** and not the aspirational date of June 1st as suggested by the Government.

Schools have been advised to plan with caution and this is supported by the fact that the Government are not announcing until May 28th its final decision on reopening schools when it reviews the latest scientific evidence.

We will provide further information of what this phased return will look like after Trustees have considered the options at their next meeting on June 2nd. We are currently preparing our site and considering the capacity of staffing to ensure that we can meet all safeguarding requirements. We will of course keep you updated once we have a definite date for reopening and a clear and safe plan for a phased return. I must stress however that this may be subject to change as more information becomes available.

I would like to thank you for your patience and support; the safety of pupils, staff and parents is paramount at this time and we want to ensure that we 'get it right.'

Childcare arrangements for critical key workers remains unchanged and staff will continue to provide online learning for all year groups.

Stay safe everyone,

Yours sincerely

Miss L A Cassidy
Head Teacher