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Thursday 14th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As promised, I am writing to update you on our plans following the Prime Minister's request that schools welcome more pupils back in to school in certain year groups from Monday 1st June. I am not referring to this as school 'opening' because school is already open and serving our keyworker families. Our kitchen remains open to serve food. Our office staff are working on finance, welfare and admissions. Our teachers are researching and re-imagining new ways of working to support home learning and keeping in contact with you.

We have decided to invite parents/carers to request that their child returns to school if they attend a reception class. The offer is open to children from Finches, Siskins, Sparrows and Wagtails. These parents/carers are being contacted about this.

We are still in the process of finalising our numbers of staff who are available and so we are being very cautious in considering how this is going to work. We know that children of this age cannot 'social distance' and to expect them to do so would be detrimental to their emotional and social well-being. We can, however, plan ways to restrict exposure to too many people and limit risks through careful consideration of the available guidance.

We intend to monitor the success of this slow start very carefully because we are anxious to keep everyone as safe as possible.

If, and only if, this first step of having more children in school is successful, then we may be able to welcome back more children from year 1 and our nursery. Our staff are exploring different ways of making this a possibility.

The school's priority remains the safety of all of our community, the continuing provision for the children of key workers and the provision of quality home learning support, which I know many of you value.

There is a lot of anxiety over the Covid 19 pandemic and so we hope that you can remain patient with us, as we will with you.

In the meantime, keep safe.

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