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Monday 18th May 2020

Dear families,

I wanted to write to you all this week in case any of you are feeling anxious as there has been a lot of information in the media and on social media about schools opening more widely from 1st June this year.

We are working incredibly hard to put in place plans and procedures following government guidelines about how to safely reopen for our Year 6 children. Next week, I'll set out these plans for families about exactly how we will be operating if it is decided that it is safe to open schools more widely. However, I thought it was important to communicate now in case any families are feeling anxious.

I want to assure everyone that we will do everything we can but we will fully support families' decisions about whether or not they want to send their children to school. Throughout this unprecedented time, I want everyone to know that we will not judge anyone on decisions they make that are in the best interests of their families. We will respect your decision fully and, if that decision is to not send your child to school when there is a place for them, we will fully support that. The Local Authority will not be issuing fines to any parents for non-attendance. If you decide that the best place for your child is to be in school if they have a place, again, we will fully support this decision and endeavour to do everything we can to make it as safe as we possibly can.

We will continue to plan our procedures and staffing arrangements to allow Year 6 to come back to school in groups from 1st June if the decision is made by the government to reopen more widely. The following link has information from the government about reopening schools and answers questions that you may have: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Kind regards

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Headteacher

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NHS

**We can help control the virus
if we all **STAY ALERT****

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Work from home if you can
- Wash your hands regularly
- Limit contact with other people

And if you or anyone in your household has symptoms, you all need to self-isolate.

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