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Dear families,

We hope that you and your families are keeping well. We are writing to update you on the school plans for the coming weeks and to reassure you about how we intend to keep supporting your child.

There has been much discussion in the media about the return for certain year groups to school and the date at which this could commence. As you will be aware we have kept the school open throughout for vulnerable children and children of Key Workers. This will continue throughout the half term break and for the remainder of the summer term.

Presently we have plans in place to be able to welcome back Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 at some point in the final half term. These provisional plans encompass the government advice to split pupils into smaller groups, ensure additional social distancing measures are employed, have enhanced hygiene and sanitising protocol in place as well as other additional measures that we know support the safe interaction of pupils and school staff. You will appreciate that this is not without challenge, particularly the expectation of social distancing young children and the safety of all concerned is of paramount importance.

We are also underway with plans for contact with Year 10 throughout the half term, again prioritising the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff.

The decision to move forward with these plans will only be taken once we have the latest government advice and are assured that this can be done for the benefit of children and not to the detriment of our school community's wellbeing. Additional information is due to be released following a government review on the 28th May, and we will be communicating with you swiftly after that date to give more specific details as to times, dates and structures of any possible widening of provision to our pupils.

This is a challenging time for our community and we recognise the many and varied situations each family may find themselves facing. We appreciate that there will be questions and queries about how we move forward as a school community and we will share with you all relevant information as and when we have it.

We have greatly appreciated the many positive messages sent to the school. Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Principal



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