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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today to update you with the plans for the phased re-opening of school that the government have instructed us to do. As you know, school has remained open throughout this period for the children of key workers and some vulnerable children, but the next stage is for the gradual return of all pupils over the summer term. **Please note that all of the plans I am writing to you about are subject to lots of uncertainties so nothing is definite.**

We have made plans in two phases:

Phase 1: The return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, and possibly Nursery. It is important to note that the government have said this will happen from the 1st June, not necessarily on the 1st June.

Phase 2: The return of all other year groups. There are suggestions from the government that this might take place at the end of June/ beginning of July.

Moving into Phase 1 and 2 all still depends on five key things happening in the fight against coronavirus:

- the NHS's ability to cope is fully protected
- the daily death rate is dropping
- infection rates are falling to manageable levels
- there are sufficient supplies of testing and protective equipment
- there is no risk of a "second peak" of infections.

You will all be aware that re-opening requires careful consideration, extensive planning and consultation. We await further guidance from the DfE, London Borough of Lambeth and our Trade Unions. Our number one priority remains the safety and wellbeing of our children, families and staff.

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Attendance in school is not compulsory. This is a decision for you to make as parents and carers, after you have carefully considered the risks and the measures we have put in place to minimise these risks. I will be writing to you early next week to share our detailed risk assessment and planning and we hope that you will be reassured by the measures we are putting in place and that this document might answer any questions you have.

Whenever the return date is, school will be very different for the foreseeable future and I will write to you regarding these changes once we have a firm date.

We have sought the initial views of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers and we are really grateful to all of you who so quickly responded. We will regularly send this out as we are aware that your views about whether to return your children to school will change as further guidance is issued as well as scientific research and evidence.

We would like to have the children back as soon as possible and we are all missing them so much. However, we must ensure that it is safe both for the children and their families, and for our staff.

I will write to you again early next week. Have a lovely weekend and I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Best Wishes,

Andrew