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RE: Possible reopening for some more children from 1st June

Dear parents

I know you've seen in the news that schools may reopen on 1 June to nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils if the government thinks it's safe then.

I am waiting for further guidance and clarification from the government right now, which will hopefully help us create a risk assessment for our phased reopening. I'll share this with you as soon as possible so you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice.

It's a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we are going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups if it's safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks. For us issues around keeping 2 metres apart are vital as we all know that this is a key strategy to keep everyone as safe as can be. How this will work and how we can do our best to ensure it does are very important issues right now.

However, I'm also not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school, since you know your children and personal situation best. There will be no letters, fines or sanctions should you choose to keep your child/ren safe at home.

I will keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

In the meantime, the school is still open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. I know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance and develop our risk assessment.

I would like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We'll need to keep going with this for a while yet, so please do continue to do what you can and stay in touch with us about how your child is doing.

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If you have any questions, please contact me via the reply@ email with '*Return to school*' as the subject. In the first instance I would like to hear from parents of children in nursery, reception, Y1 and Y6. Please give me your views.

Our Lady of Fatima; Pray for Us!

Best wishes! Stay safe!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tarley M. A.", written in black ink.

Head Teacher

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