

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well.

Update

I am still in the process of risk assessing and planning for a **potential** return. These plans will go to governors for approval and ratification next week. The governors will meet virtually to discuss them. I say potential return for more children as it will be governed by many factors. The Prime Minister will also only announce on 28th May whether we have even met the standards required for a phased return to school. We will then be closed the following week so any return, if possible, for us would only begin then after all factors governing opening have been met.

Our school is very different to any other school. I know that some schools have already released their plans. Our school, as you know, does not have large classrooms and therefore if I am to try and maintain any social distancing whatsoever then I am limited to how many children and staff can be in that room.

I can tell you that the children will not all return at once and that I intend to start with Y6. It will be a very gradual, phased return and will be managed very carefully for your children and the staff. You will have the time to prepare your children if they are to return to this new 'normal'. As you will be aware some will not be in their own classroom or with their own staff. This is, as you can imagine, very upsetting for all of us and does require a lot of thought and planning.

I am sorry that I am unable to share any more than this at this present time.

Many thanks for the work that you are doing with the children. It is strange to think that we would have been breaking up for the Whit Holidays today. I posted work on Monday and I will put a little something up for the children next week too. As this would have been the holiday time then please do give the children a break.

Please continue to look after yourselves.

We ask the Holy Spirit to support us as we begin to prepare for the feast of Pentecost to bring us peace and hope in these difficult times.

With prayers,

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