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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. I am sure you are aware of the Government's announcement on the next phase of their response to the current pandemic. This next phase outlines the proposed plans for welcoming our children back to school. We are pleased that we can begin planning the next phase to reopen our schools to more children over the forthcoming weeks and months.

The Government have asked schools to plan a phased reopening on the basis that 5 key tests are met. We will be planning this next phase by taking advice from the Government, the Local Authority and other relevant Professional Bodies. Our top priority is to ensure that over the coming weeks and months, we can open safely for all our children, staff and the wider community.

Our Trust already has provision in place for those children in priority groups (the children of key worker parents, those children who work with a social worker or who are vulnerable, those children who have an EHCP whose needs cannot be met safely in the home environment). We will continue will this provision for the next three weeks including the scheduled half term holiday.

In line with the Government guidance from the week commencing 1st June 2020 at the earliest, we will be planning to welcome back children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6, alongside providing full time provision for priority groups. We may then ask more primary year groups to return to school if it is appropriate. We will also be ensuring that we work with our secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition for our Year 6 pupils.

As we work on providing a safe and secure school for our children and staff, we thank you for your continued patience and support of your children's home learning.

I will continue to ensure that we keep you fully informed of our plans and the next phase for reopening school from 1st June 2020. In addition, you may find the following link useful:

<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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