

11th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure you will have watched the [Prime Minister's statement](#) on Sunday evening. He said that as part of careful steps to modify some lockdown restrictions, it may be possible to begin the phased reintroduction of some primary aged pupils by 1st June.

The Prime Minister's words were heavily caveated and conditional: "**if** we as a nation begin to fulfil the conditions I have set out, **then** in the next few weeks and months, we **may** be able to go further. In step two **at the earliest** by June 1st after half term, we believe we **may** be in a position to get primary pupils back into schools, **in stages, beginning with** reception, year 1 and year 6. **Our ambition is** that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get **at least some time** with their teachers before the holidays."

We await further guidance from the DfE. There is much to be considered before we can open. We want our provision to be safe for your children and for our staff and their families too. Government guidance has been slow to arrive on some occasions and so we may not be able to tell you much for a while. You have been so supportive of us and we are grateful. Please continue to be patient and we will let you know as soon as we can how we will implement the government plans.

In the meantime, we will review the online (or paper based) learning provision and see if we can enhance it. Neither you nor we want your children to fall behind in their learning but we recognise that for some of you, more than others, there will be more limitations because of individual circumstances. However, given that the lockdown is going to persist for many groups of children, we want to do all we can to help engage them with their learning. What we would ask is that you make contact with school if you or your child is struggling to do their home learning for whatever reason so that we can support you better.

This a frustrating time and one we all wish we didn't have to be going through. However, it is as it is, and supporting each other as best we can, we can make our way through this challenging situation.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With all best wishes

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