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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you are well and taking care of each other. It is wonderful to see the amazing work that is happening and be able to share it through Twitter and the school website.

We are writing to you to gauge your thoughts and feelings on the government announcement at the weekend for the potential return to school on 1st June for some children. It is of the utmost importance that we ensure any possible return to school is safe, carefully considered and right for our children, parents, staff and community.

Currently the government are saying that as well as the school being open to the children of key workers, children with Education Health Care Plans and vulnerable children, those children in pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 could also start to attend, if the conditions are right. In the case of our school that would mean that we could have 61 children on site.

As part of our preparations we will carry out risk assessments, make adjustments to the timings of the day and introduce staggered start and end times and ensure that any plan to return is specific to our school and our spaces. It is, however, important to realise that the children will not necessarily be with their class teacher or regular TA, they may not be in their normal classroom, have access to their normal resources or be able to attend on a full time basis.

One of our main concerns, as a school, is that it is extremely challenging for young children to understand let alone carry out social distancing and we will not be able to guarantee that this takes place within the school setting. As a parent, I am sure that this is something that you will want to consider carefully when thinking about whether your child will return on 1st June.

The government may well issue more information and the situation may change, but we wanted to know how you feel about this return so that we can plan with your thoughts in mind. With this being the case, we would be grateful if you could complete the quick survey at:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0IJIs4w7kEGC0m_nMNkRsQQ0TuVxY6hNIWDvDVSI2xBUN1dJRF5TVpDOUdZVldWSURVNU0yUVNWOS4u so that we can start to make plans.

Please complete the survey by 3.00 pm on Tuesday 19th May, you are of course able to change your mind; we are not asking you to make a final decision but to share your viewpoint at this moment in time.

Kind regards

Staff and Governors of Littledean C of E Primary School
Hayley McGoldrick & Mike Barnsley

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