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Dear parents and carers,

This week, the Prime Minister announced that the government have stepped away from their ambition for all primary-age children to attend school for at least a month before the summer holidays. They have recognised that schools would need extra classrooms and staff to achieve this goal. In the announcement, it was great to see that the fantastic roles schools are playing in the Covid-19 response recognised, particularly the hard work of school staff across the country.

At Andoversford, we currently have just over half the school attending on site, with the other half completing their learning at home. Although many wouldn't know it, particularly as the staggered drop off and collection times have worked so well to keep plenty of distance. We have seen huge benefits to the pupils who are in school – especially with their social and emotional well-being. It is because of these benefits that the governors and myself have been working hard to find a safe way for all children to have some educational provision at school. This week all school staff have helped to re-evaluate the Risk Assessments and carefully plan how we could achieve this. We will be inviting pupils into school on a weekly rota system, so that the risk of contamination is minimised and group sizes remain below 15.

Who can attend and when?

From the 15th June some pupils in Year 5 will be invited to join their class for a week. The following week the remaining Year 5 pupils will be invited into school. Parents of children in Year 5 have been contacted so that they know which weeks their child will be attending school.

From the 22nd June we will use the same weekly rota system to invite children from Years 3 and 4 back into school. Children who are in Year 2 will be able to attend school on a full-time basis. Following the government model, we have prioritised the full-time spaces for the youngest children.

As always, this plan is subject to change and we will only go ahead when we are confident it is the correct decision for our pupils, staff and the wider community.

Procedures to Follow

We have successfully invited over half of the school back onto site by having very strict procedures in place. If your child is returning, please make sure you are aware what is in place by reading the Recovery Plan and FAQ. These are available on the school website: www.andoversford.gloucs.sch.uk

Please remember that families must follow the existing government guidelines on social distancing outside school to ensure that everybody is kept safe. The regulations have started to relax, however there are still very important procedures to follow about who we can have contact with. [Full details can be found here.](#)

School Places

We recognise that there are some parents who may not wish to take up the school provision on offer. If you do not intend for your child to return to school, please inform the office so that we can take this into account during our planning. **If your child is in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5 please can you confirm whether or not your child will be returning to school by Tuesday 16th June 2020.**

If you are a key worker and are choosing not to take up your child's place, we fully support this decision, but we will need **at least 2 weeks notice** if you then wish your child to return to school. This is because we will need to make adjustments to our current provision. If we can bring your child in sooner than the 2 weeks, we will do so, but this will allow enough planning time if changes do need to be made.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes,

Rachel Bradley-McKay

Headteacher

