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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure many of you will have watched the Prime Minister address the Nation last night. You will have heard the Prime Minister indicating that the government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of Schools from 1st June 2020, starting with pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Six. This is part of the Government's conditional plan which it states will remain under regular review - and only if the infection rates and the Government's other tests, at the time, allow it. However, I do believe that this statement will have left the majority of you with a range of questions.

As a school, we too have lots of unanswered questions that need clarification. Therefore, at the moment, for us in school, there is no change to the guidance. We will continue to provide childcare for those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response (**critical and key workers only**) and only those that cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still that it is **safer to stay at home**.

We are now waiting to receive more information from the Government (Department for Education) about what this will mean for our School. There is no detail yet, but we will share details with you when plans are made clear to us.

I would like to reassure you that we will not have any phased return until it is deemed safe to do so. We will be using the next few weeks to make sure we manage the process of re-opening, and that we have all the required measures in place, so school will be a safe place for your child to return to. As always, we will be guided by what is published by the Government and advice from Newcastle LA.

We will continue to keep you informed with any updates but for now, please try not to worry. Our plan at this stage is to continue to provide daily activities for learning at home, keep in contact with you and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours Sincerely

Jane Dube
Head Teacher