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Update following the Prime Minister's broadcast

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well, and have had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

I am writing to you following the Prime Minister's broadcast last night. There are still a number of unanswered questions that we need clarification on. I wanted to reassure you that we will follow the guidance carefully provided by the government/DFE – dates and deadlines are all conditional and are dependent on what happens over the next few weeks with regards to the 5 rules set out.

At the moment for us as a school there is no change in guidance. We will still provide care for those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and only those that cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still that it is safer to stay at home.

We have not received any information to support us with this new plan to start the phased reopening of some year groups. We expect to receive further information this afternoon when document is due to be released by the government, which I hope will outline the phased return to school that the Prime Minister mentioned.

I wanted to reassure you that we will put every necessary step in place to ensure the safety of the children and the staff and we will only reopen when it is safe to do so. We need clear guidance on how it is possible to social distance in school and how we might start to phase groups of children returning.

As always, we will keep you informed but for now please try not to worry. Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning at home, keep contact with you and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Donoghue
Headteacher

