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RE: Covid-19 Update – Phased re-opening of Schools

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for your continued patience in allowing the school to read the government guidance, work with staff and the Local Authority to make plans for the phased re-opening of our school. **It is really important to note that any plans for re-opening are subject to a change of date. Should any new information be presented in the near future then plans may alter.**

Thank you for your communication with the school in regards to whether to send your child back to school. We have now confirmed spaces individually with parents/ carers and plans have now been put into place. Our absolute priority is to ensure that our children, our staff and the school community are safe during this time. The school has completed a risk assessment to ensure we have put as much as we can into place to ensure a safe return. This letter will provide key details and dates moving forward with the proposed government plans.

After careful consideration, and consultation with other local schools, Southwark Local Authority and the Mayflower Governing Body we have decided to phase the children's return to school in the following way:

Start Date:	Year Group:
Monday 1 st June 2020	Year 6 and Year 1 only
Monday 15 th June 2020	Reception
Monday 29 th June 2020	Nursery

Year 6 will be returning first to enable them to finish their time at primary school in a way that will support them emotionally as well as educationally. It is very important that we work with them on the skills necessary for their transition into secondary school. We also feel that Year 6 will be able to manage the restrictions put into place regarding social distancing and hand and respiratory hygiene better. Similarly, Year 1 children, who are the next oldest children returning to school at this time, will be able to establish the routines much more quickly than children in our youngest year groups. Over time, and hopefully as the Covid-19 risk reduces even further, it will be even safer for children in Reception and Nursery to attend school later in the term.

At present, children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 are still required to stay at home and therefore should not be brought to school until further information from the DfE has been released. Should this factor into any government announcement, I will write to you separately to outline the school's position. We will continue to cater for the children of Key Workers who are already attending school.

For all the confirmed places in Y6 and Y1 – you will receive an additional letter outlining further information to your child's re-start back to school. Please read this information carefully as it provides key information in regards to our risk assessment that all staff, children and parents must



be aware of. Further information will also be provided to our Key Worker families who have confirmed places. Families in Reception and Nursery who have confirmed spaces at the school for their start later on in June should expect their additional information in the next couple of weeks.

All school places have been carefully allocated so please be do not just turn up to school and expect your child to start with us without prior arrangements. As I am sure you can imagine, a lot of work and organisation has taken place to make sure we are doing everything we can to keep everyone as safe as we can. For those of you that change your mind and are now considering sending your child to school, you must inform the school office after 1st June, where you will be put on a waiting list. On the other hand, if you now no longer wish for your child to attend school, then please inform us at the earliest opportunity.

For children who are not returning to school, work will continue to be provided remotely via online platforms and the school website. Please continue to utilise these platforms, as much as possible, to support your child with their learning. When we receive further information about additional year groups returning to school, this will be shared with you.

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Assig
Headteacher