

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**RE: Covid-19 Update**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

First and foremost, I hope that all families are keeping well. I am sure many of you are experiencing having to juggle increased demands due to the current situation. I recognise it is not easy and I hope daily and weekly routines are at least making the most of the additional time that families are getting to spend with each other. Whilst not under ideal circumstances, it is important that we strive to remain positive, even at the hardest of times.

I'm sure like me, many of you will have watched the Prime Minister address the nation yesterday evening. You will have heard that the government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of schools from 1<sup>st</sup> June, starting with pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This is part of the government's conditional plan, which is said to remain under constant review.

I imagine that hearing this news will have provoked a range of emotions – some positives and some concerns. I know that I speak on behalf of all staff at the school that the sooner we can get all children back into school the better. We do not want our classrooms to be empty a day longer than they need to be. However, we also recognise that this can only happen as long as it is safe to do so. At this time, our first priority must be the safety of the whole school community.

Having only heard this information at the same time as you – over the course of coming weeks, I will be working alongside my senior team, with the additional guidance that is to follow from the government. Therefore, I will write to you again to provide further and more detailed information, once it becomes available. Until then, I politely request that you do not phone the school asking for more information or with any specific questions. As soon as we have more information, we will of course share this with you. However, at this time, it is imperative that we spend our valuable time to work on achieving the government road map out of Covid-19.

Thank you in advance for your understanding. Please keep safe – and I hope that I get to see you and your children soon.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Askins

