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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to those who have already responded to our initial survey about children returning to school. If you have not replied we would appreciate this by Wednesday 27 May 2020. The final decisions about returning to school will be made week beginning 1st June. This will of course be dependent on government directives and if schools are advised to return nationally. We are told that this will be guided by the science and if the 'R' rate is low enough for a safe return.

I appreciate that parents of Year 6 children will be disappointed that they are not in the first phase of our return. This decision was purely based on the government guidelines: Planning Guide for Primary Schools. Within the document it states:

Schools should focus first on continuing to provide places for priority groups of all year groups (children of critical workers and vulnerable children). Then, to support children's early learning, you should prioritise groups of children as follows:

- *primary schools - nursery (where applicable), reception and year 1*

I will be in contact during week beginning 1 June to update you on the plans for a return from 9 June. This update will include some of the safety measures we will put in place in order to open school more widely. As I previously stated, once we have Reception and Year 1 back and if numbers are at a level that complies with our risk assessment, we will endeavour to offer places to **Year 6**. At this stage the numbers of children of key workers that may need to return is unknown and these children will also figure in our risk assessment.

I understand that it is frustrating for parents as I am unable to give firm assurances. I can only keep repeating that the safety of the children, staff and wider community are my main concern and all my decisions are based with that in mind.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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