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Dear Parent,

As you will have heard, the government has asked schools to prepare to reopen on June 1st (based on key national criteria being met) to more children: namely Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We would also be required to continue provision for the children of key workers and any vulnerable children.

We have received some guidance on how we would be expected to reopen but much of the decision making has been left down to the school.

The first and most important thing to understand is that the government has advised that:

"We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, we are taking this into account."

Therefore, as I'm sure you will understand, given the nature of a primary school it is unrealistic to expect the children to keep 2m apart from each other at all times.

We are currently working out more detailed plans for reopening during this period, but based on the rest of the government guidance we will operate under the following key principles:

- Children in Class 1 and Class 2 will not mix during the day.
- The children in Class 1 will spread out in Class 1, the outdoor area and the upstairs rooms.
- The children in Class 2 will be spread out around the two KS2 classrooms - giving them a bit more room when indoors.
- There will be regular hand-washing and cleaning of surfaces.
- There will be a clear procedure for staff to follow if any child displays symptoms of COVID-19.

Please remember, these are our initial plans - the full details will be shared with you nearer the time.

Another thing to be aware of, is that if both Mrs Newman and Mrs Kirkham are teaching full time in class, their capacity to provide home learning will be limited. Therefore we will have to re-address how we provide this.

So that we can continue to plan, it would be really helpful to know; that should schools reopen for the above year groups on June 1st, whether or not you would send your child/children. I understand that this is a difficult call to make and you can change your mind as things progress. This just gives us an idea of how many children we might have, helping us to plan our provision. If parents choose not to send their children into school during this period it will not be considered 'unauthorised'.

Based on the above principles I'd appreciate it if you could let Mrs Martin know as soon as you can, based on current information, whether or not you would intend to send your child (if they are in the groups mentioned above) to school.

Thanks again and please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,

Mr D Cook
Headteacher
Luckington Community School