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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are safe and well. Thank you for your continued engagement and support during this challenging period. I am writing to you regarding the government announcement to start the phased re-opening of schools from the 1st of June. **This decision is, of course, dependent upon the continued reduction of the transmission rates of COVID-19.**

As a result, the government is asking us to make plans for a safe and phased reopening of our school. Their aim is to get all children and young people back into education, as soon as scientific advice allows. **In this process, and throughout this pandemic, the well-being and safety of the children, staff and community remains my absolute priority.**

I am liaising closely with staff, governors, Camden Local Authority and Public Health England to develop a very clear plan for the possible safe return of our children. We are working through detailed guidance from the government to support this process.

Initially, we are planning for **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to start to return to school from Monday the 1st of June.**

School will be a different experience to ensure safety for all. As advised by the government we will plan to:

- organise **part-time attendance** to ensure all children in the identified year groups can access school
- **reduce the size of classes** and keep children in **small groups without mixing with others**
- stagger break and lunch times, as well as drop-offs and pick-ups
- increase the **frequency of cleaning**, reducing the use of shared items and **utilising outdoor space**

I will be writing to you with detailed information regarding plans and procedures for the possible return shortly. This will also include specific information regarding online learning for the children, in other year groups, who will initially remain at home. The current provision for eligible children (critical worker and vulnerable children) will **remain open throughout.**

For now, please keep up with the online learning; we are very proud of our resilient children and families.

All my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Bruckdorfer'.

Helen Bruckdorfer

Headteacher

