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Dear Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well and keeping safe.

You will probably be aware from the media that it is the Government's intention to partially re-open schools from the Monday 1st June 2020. We have been looking carefully at the guidance to help us plan for a safe re-opening for our children, families and staff for our Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Worker classes.

We are aware that this does not include children from four other year groups and this may feel unfair or even a relief. We are aware that the Government have set an ambition for all year groups to return for a month before the end of the academic year. We will obviously look at planning towards this as we would love to welcome back the children if it is deemed safe to do so.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide home learning online through our website and, following feedback from some parents, we are endeavouring to have this on by Saturday evenings so that parents can plan activities for the forthcoming week. We recognise that children work at different rates, have different levels of independence etc and some parents have to continue to work from home which puts additional pressures, so we aim to pitch the learning to the vast majority. We will be creating a page on the website with additional links for extra work if needed.

For families who receive Free School Meals we will continue to deliver vouchers.

You may also believe now that you are a Key Worker or have not previously registered with us to be one. If you believe you are, please ensure that you follow the link below to register and we will contact you directly. Please complete by Friday 22nd May 2020.

<https://forms.gle/qr7gmkieEaTwcDP8>

Year 5 parents may also be thinking about the 11+ Test scheduled for September. Kent County Council are liaising with the Department for Education (DfE) regarding arrangements but the responsibility to make decisions about this lay with the DfE. When we hear further information we will update you.

Can I also remind you that we do still have pastoral support available to our families and we can easily phone you if you have any well-being or welfare concerns for you or your family. If you do have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on my school email address headteacher@bapchild.kent.sch.uk and we will contact you back.

Finally, we just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the many kind words of support and encouragement. We are all so looking forward to the day when we open our doors again and welcome you all back.

We wish you all the very best, stay safe and please keep in contact.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

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Headteacher