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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Years R, 1 and 6

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

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday about re-opening we have now had multiple pieces of guidance from the Department for Education, all with different messages and changing expectations. This means that it has been fraught with difficult to plan from.

We have looked carefully at the guidance and still place the safety of our children, families and colleagues at the heart of our planning. We would like to present two options for your consideration and ask you to complete the online questionnaire with some basic details so we can ascertain opinions and number of children potentially returning:

Option A: Re-open with maximum group sizes of 15 children on a rota basis of one day in school, one day home-schooling. This would be with the same members of staff in the classrooms they are normally taught in. We would be able to have set break/lunchtimes managed with familiar staff. There would be two members of staff in each teaching room. This would reduce number of children and staff on site at one time and the use of facilities such as toilets etc. and would be for first two weeks initially (subject to review).

Option B: Re-open with maximum of 15 children per group. This would mean they would not be with the same members of staff and would not be in the same room they are used to. We could not ensure there would be two members of staff in each classroom and would significantly increase the use of facilities such as toilets etc as there would be more children on-site. Some groups wouldn't have access to their normal classrooms/outdoor facilities. This would be for the first two weeks (subject to review).

We recognise that this does not give certainty or clarity at the moment. Essentially we need to ensure that it is safe for our children and staff to return. Please use the link below to fill in the questionnaire and complete one form per child. Could you please endeavour to return this by Monday 18th May, 2020.

<https://forms.gle/3SGwbvmj2wWWhvhG8>

Finally, we just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. In the meantime, we wish you all the very best, stay safe and please keep in contact.

Yours sincerely

Christian Kelly
Headteacher

