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Dear Parents and Carers

Following Sunday's announcement and after awaiting further directives until late last night, we now know that should certain national criteria be met, we will be working towards a return to school for specific groups of primary-aged pupils to commence after the half-term holiday period.

Of course, this will be reviewed and is subject to change, however, the Government released expectations around this last night including instruction and guidance for staffing, PPE and which children and staff should attend school.

Re-opening our schools has been our focus over the last few weeks of lock-down and although we have been preparing and risk assessing our return, we still await further directives from the Local Authority and must ensure this process is done as safely as possible.

You will receive a form later today which will help us gather data in ensuring we know who is able to return to school / which parents want their children back in school at this point. This data will help us to gauge the number of children in school and will help in our planning for risk assessing and staffing.

I am writing to you today with one very important message; please be patient. It is absolutely essential that we get this right. I am certain many of you have questions, however, It will be several days before we can finalise and communicate our plans for children to return. This is an enormous undertaking and will require many changes to our usual functioning, policy and systems.

Thank you in anticipation of your patience,

Yours sincerely

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