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Dear Parents and Carers,

Gradual school reopening from Monday 29th June

As promised, I am writing to inform you of the current situation regarding the gradual reopening of school.

After receiving confirmation from Lancashire County Council that it is now safe to start this process, we are able to go ahead with a gradual reopening from Monday 29th June.

Over the course of the next week you will be contacted and informed of the plans moving forward and what this means for your child. As this is a gradual reopening, individual risk assessments will continue to be used to establish children of high need (particularly those with social care involvement) and determine school places. In addition, to abide by the 2 metre rule successfully and after analysis of school grounds, there is space for approximately 60 children on site. Alongside this, as set out in national and local guidance, we can only accommodate 50 children on our school transport.

I have also received questions over the previous weeks regarding the national guidance around children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 being eligible to return to school. Although this is a framework that mainstream schools are able to work with, unfortunately, this cannot be applied to us. Irrespective of year group, the varied needs of all children at Elm Tree require us to apply the approach outlined above to ensure that we can reopen in a safe and manageable manner.

Again, I would like to say a massive thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding during this time. It is very positive news that we are now able to work towards a date to gradually reopen and put plans in place for this to be as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely,
Mr D Lamb

