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Dear Parent/Carers

Following the announcements that the Prime Minister made last weekend I wanted to write and give you a few more details of our plans.

As you know we have been working hard to make sure the site is safe and have carried out a range of Risk Assessments and cleaning, including electrostatic fogging. We have also been inviting some children into school on a part-time basis for the past few weeks, and they have been trying to follow guidance on social distancing and handwashing very well. We plan to continue with this, but will be extending it where we can. We don't plan to invite specific year groups, but are following the advice to Special Schools, and will be grouping children according to their needs.

We are aware of both your concerns, and also your frustrations, but at the heart of everything is the safety of our community, and so we will be taking very gradual steps. During your weekly calls next week staff will be asking you a range of questions and we'll use these to help us decide what we need to offer after half term.

The government have made it clear that there will be no penalties for non-attendance, and I've also attached a letter from Essex County Council that supports that. You have to make decisions based on your children and family, and we will respect that.

Teachers have been working very hard to make sure the children have activities on Google Classroom, via the website and in hard copy, and they have also been holding Google Hangouts to try and keep in touch with their groups. We will continue with this, and hopefully expand it over the rest of the term. I am also hoping to give some support with laptops for the children, but I'll be in touch about that when I can. There is also a range of mental health support via the links on the website, but if you need more specific advice please contact us.

This will pass, and we will do everything we can to make sure we get through it as safely as we can, I appreciate your support in that. Please continue to keep in touch with us, either via the staff that you've already been talking to, or at the email address: admin@ramsdenhall.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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