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COVID 19- Planning for the possible re opening of Tor View school on 1st June 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

Thank you so much for your continuing patience and support during these difficult and confusing times.

As a school, we still feel the safest place for your child is at home, whether you are a Key Worker or someone who cannot work from home.

Whilst the Government have indicated we are over the peak of the virus, very little has changed in regards to effectively reducing the spread. Therefore, our school needs to respond to this risk and create new systems and procedures that promote the safety and well-being of our whole school community. School life as we know it, for now, will not be the same.

In the Prime Minister's announcement, he identified that the pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Y6 may look to return to school from the 1st June. However, in subsequent guidance, it is very clear that this does not apply to special schools. In my previous letter dated the 15th May, I shared with you a link to the guidance for Special Schools, which is copied below for ease of reference:

"Special schools, special post-16 institutions and hospital schools should work towards welcoming back as many children and young people as can be safely catered for in their setting. They may want to prioritise attendance based on key transitions and the impact on life chances and development, and to consider creating part-time attendance rotas so that as many children as possible can benefit from attending their setting. Special settings should work with local authorities and families to ensure that decisions about attendance are informed by existing risk assessments for their children and young people, which should be kept up to date."

It is also clear that attendance at school is a personal choice, and for those parents/carers who want to protect their child and keep them at home, this will be supported and there will be no consequences or fines from the school or the local authority for keeping your child at home.

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With this in mind, and to fine tune our plan going forward, please complete the survey below (or scan the QR code at the end of the letter) to inform us that you have made the decision **NOT** to send your child to school during this gradual re opening period.

<https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EIPtrcvGGk6VzhagziBpxzW8yJIIgGJMsuR160eWZXRUMTVJWkiUTDRZN0pGQk9VRIFSTzRMQk9XWi4u>

Could I kindly ask that this is completed by **12 noon on Thursday the 21st May**. If you cannot access this form electronically, then please ring the main school office and inform us of your decision.

I must emphasise, this does not necessarily mean that school will be able to safely accommodate all those pupils whose families did not complete the form and wish for them to return, but it gives us a starting point. We will continue to be open for critical Key Worker children and for children who are unable to be safely looked after at home.

Please use the weekly phone calls from your child's class teacher to keep us updated on your individual family situations and should it change please get in touch with our Pupil Liaison Officer; Mrs Lyndsey Daly on 07526278311 during working hours.

Kindest regards and keep safe



Mrs Louise Parrish- Headteacher



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