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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our letter to you yesterday, we’ve been given more guidance on what opening our school might look like. Obviously, there are lots of things for us to consider and we’ll be doing everything we can when risk assessing to ensure that our school will be as safe as possible for our children. The government has published guidance for parents and carers and the link is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

We have sent this letter to all of our parents and carers although, as you may already be aware, the initial phase of opening includes only Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. However, we’d like to gauge all of your opinions on whether you think you’ll be sending your child in to school if or when the time comes, regardless of the reason. We ask this in the knowledge that not only have we already had correspondence from some of you, but that there are broadly mixed opinions amongst parents nationally and we’d like to gauge the opinions of parents and carers of UPS children, to help us tentatively plan.

You will note on page 4 from the guidance the sections on children who are *‘extremely clinically vulnerable’* and *‘clinically vulnerable’* and those children who have family members at home who are *‘extremely clinically vulnerable’* and *‘clinically vulnerable’.* You may also note that the government *‘strongly encourage’* children in eligible year groups to attend but that *‘You should notify your child’s school or college if your child is unable to attend so that staff are aware and can discuss it with you.’*

I’ll remind you that we are always here to talk to you and you can be as open and honest as you like with us. These are extremely uncertain times and although we’ll be following the government’s guidance, we will show 100% understanding and will not be placing any pressure on you for your children to return as we know all of your circumstances are different. That said, although there may be some risk, we can’t wait to see your children back here in school and rest assured we will be taking every precaution feasible to make it safe for them to do so.

We are planning for the ‘re-opening’ based on the government’s guidance and in order for us to do that, it would be useful to have a rough idea of your opinions on sending children back in from June as our social distancing measures (for example, how many children will be in each classroom and how many staff we’ll need), will be based upon numbers. We realise that this is not going to be hugely accurate and things will change over the next couple of weeks, but it would be useful to know your current stance, taking into account the guidance we’ve linked for you above and knowing our school.

We will be asking for more formal confirmation of your intentions in the coming days and weeks, but for now, the easiest way to get an idea of our climate is through a survey. The link below is for Survey Planet. Please be as honest as possible to help us get an idea of how you are all feeling at the moment.

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/GrV3K-kXN>

As we’ve said, this is only for us to get an idea of how parents and carers of Urmston Primary might be feeling and it will support us in how we professionally and sensitively approach things moving forward.

Take care, stay safe and we’ll be in touch soon.

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