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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure that many of you will have tuned in to watch the Prime Minister's address yesterday evening and, if not, will have caught up on the contents through various news outlets since.

The headline content for us at school, and probably for many parents, will have been the reference to the 1st June as a potential date for a phased re-opening of schools, starting with pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Six. This is part of the government's conditional plan which it says will remain under regular review. **It should be stressed that the 1st June would be 'the earliest', rather than a definite date and if infection rates and other tests at the time allow it.** It may be that nothing changes to our reduced provision at that point.

For us at school, as for you at home, the announcement is still very recent and we await further detail on how the government foresee this potential reopening working in practice. At this stage, we would ask for your patience, as we will be unlikely to have answers to the questions that the announcement will have undoubtedly raised.

We would like to remind parents that, in the short-term, nothing has changed regarding which pupils are able to attend school. The following paragraph still applies to our reduced provision. You should only request for your child/ren to attend school...

"If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed, and you cannot keep your child safe at home. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so."

We appreciate your continued efforts and support with keeping as many children as possible safely at home. We will, of course, provide further information in the coming days and weeks once we are able to do so.

For now, our plan is to carry on providing high-quality activities to engage the pupils in their Home Learning, keep contact with our pupils and their families and continue to support the whole school community to the best of our abilities in these unprecedented and uncertain times.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Horner

