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Dear Parent/ Carers,

Further to the information regarding the opening of school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children I would like to thank you for completing our survey. The results will inform our risk assessments and give us a good understanding of how parents are feeling, their worries and intention regarding sending their children back to school. Initial results indicate that only about 20% of yourselves are happy for your children to return to school. On that point I must stress that this is absolutely your decision. I completely understand that all families will have their own thoughts and opinions on this matter and any decision you make will be treated with the upmost respect and support. Please be assured that the government have confirmed that parents will not be fined for keeping their child at home.

For a few families it has been essential school has remained open and I cannot imagine how difficult it has been for those parents and how difficult it has been leaving their child at school so they can go and continue to do the key jobs like caring for our vulnerable and the need to do this to pay the bills. We believe it was right providing school and childcare for these pupils and families and will continue to do so.

As I stated on Tuesday we have received guidelines which we are currently working through in the context of our school, we are also using the Local Authority Risk assessment to support us in reducing risks, however, I must be very clear that social distancing expectations which we are being asked to follow in our day to day lives will be incredibly difficult to follow in the school setting and this is reflected in government guidance.

For more information, please use the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june-to-see-the-latest-Government-Guidance-for-Parents>. This link is also available on our website in the latest news section.



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At the moment as you know the government guidelines are for schools to work towards the potential reopening after June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is by no means confirmation that schools will reopen as the government has said the "5 tests must be met before schools can reopen." Until we receive further information we are working towards a phased reopening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. I will be writing to those parents to identify the measures which have been put in place for their intended return to school.

In the meantime, please remember that as always we are here to support you. The kindness and support we have received from you all has been overwhelming and myself and all of the staff consider ourselves to be very lucky to work with such a special community.

Take Care

Mrs McBeth



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