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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, if the government confirms that the five key targets are met in the fight against Covid-19, then it will be safe for the children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1** to return to school following the half-term holiday. In planning ahead for this possibility, we are beginning to create plans to reflect if this decision is made. This you can imagine is a very challenging piece of work to accomplish, and at the forefront of all our plans and decisions is the safety of the children, staff and the wider community. As a school we want to get that right.

We are therefore proposing if it is deemed safe that, in the first instance, the children from the named year groups will return to school on **Tuesday 2nd June**, joining the key workers' children and vulnerable children who have been with us since the introduction of the lockdown.

The children will work in their specific year groups in a team of no more than 15 children, supported and taught by a member of staff; these groups will become small 'hubs' within the school. The classroom will be the children's base. This is where they will work, spaced 2 meters apart with their own desk and named equipment. The group will spend their lunch and break times together, ensuring that mixing with each other is kept to a minimum. We appreciate that this will be particularly challenging for both Nursery and Reception children, however, they too will be encouraged to use their own designated equipment and toys. Hygiene will be paramount; cleaning will be increased across the school, there will be more hand sanitising opportunities and continuous hand washing will be introduced.

The structure of the day will be similar to the usual school day with some variations. There is a possibility that for some year groups, to ensure the safety of everyone, that the school day may be shorter than usual and attendance patterns may need to alter.

To ensure that our plans are workable, it is important that we know in advance how many children will be accessing this provision. However, please note that it is your decision as to whether or not your child attends school in this interim period, you will not be penalised as parents for the missed attendance if you choose to keep your children at home. We are therefore asking all parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to indicate whether or not their child or children will be attending school after the half term break if we open. Please could you use the link below and complete the survey

by Friday 15th May at 10.00 am.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JNTB7BT>

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful support and kind messages, we have found real strength from these.

With sincere kind regards,

Mrs J Roden

Headteacher