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Dear Parent / Carer

### **The reopening of school for Year 6 pupils**

Thank you to all parents and carers of year 6 pupils for giving us an initial indication of your intentions about your child returning to school. Around half the year group of 106 pupils indicated at this stage that their child is definitely or highly likely to come in. This information has been very helpful in enabling us to take our planning forward.

Although we are nominally about to embark on the half-term break, school will still be open for the children of key workers and for those who are vulnerable, and we will be continuing to work on our plans. The picture is still developing nationally and the government has still to fully confirm or delay its timetable. We expect an announcement on this on 28 May, if not sooner.

My intention is to write to you towards the middle to latter part of next week, with the more detailed arrangements referred to in my last letter to you. I will ask you, on the basis of the details provided, to undertake a second survey in which you give us your definite intentions for the first few days of school being reopened for year 6. You will be able to change your mind of course, including if you choose not to send your child initially, but then become more confident in later weeks; but that definitive indication next week will be important so we know exactly how many children to expect.

As mentioned in my letter earlier this week, our approach will be to start small and then build gradually from there. This will involve a small group of children only being in each day over the early days, so that the children can become easily familiar with the new arrangements. This means that your child will be in a day, then not in for possibly a few days, before being back full time. The date of our first day back and the specific first day for your child will very much depend on the final numbers we get from our survey.

Our aim is to get children back to school as soon as we can, but safely. My hope is that by adopting this cautious approach, we can give more of you the confidence to send your child in sooner rather than later, because the arrangements will be safe and well managed.

With all good wishes until I'm back in touch next week.

Yours faithfully

Graeme Atkins  
Executive Headteacher