

## **Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are all well. I am writing to give you an update on the current situation about schools reopening. Once again there has been a lot of speculation in the media which can cause anxiety and confusion for parents. The government has said that at the end of this week it will provide a comprehensive plan of how it might begin to relax the lockdown, part of which will likely involve the phased reopening of schools. However, the prime minister also reiterated that any plan would not be put into action until the government's five tests are met. Therefore the government still continues to be led by the scientific and medical advice.

If schools do reopen to more pupils it will certainly be on a phased basis. We do not yet know which groups of pupils will be identified first, although there has been some speculation about Year 6 possibly being the first group to return. Schools have had no definite information about when the phased return might begin and which pupils it will involve. The Secretary of State for Education is working with schools, ministers and scientists to agree on the best way forward in the coming weeks and months. Ministers also realise that parents need to feel assured that it is safe for their children to return to school, and that staff too need to feel confident about a safe phased return.

I will write to you again at the beginning of next week when we will hopefully have a much clearer view of what the government's plans are.

### **Message to the Children**

Hello to all of you. I hope you are all doing well and that we can see each other soon. As soon as I know when that will be I will let you and your parents know.

To Year 6: I know that we would have been so busy this week completing the final preparations for your SATs which would have been next week. Mrs. Griffiths will be getting in touch with your parents about your leavers' hoodies. Hopefully we will have a chance to do some leavers' activities before you go off to secondary school but we will have to wait and see what the government tells us it is safe to do. I will be writing to you again next Monday.

With very best wishes,

N. Park  
Headteacher