



Tuesday 12th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am not often lost for words, but today I am struggling with what to say to you following the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday. After the speech I was left completely baffled and with more questions than answers. I was particularly confused and saddened by the fact that Year Two who will be moving schools in September have apparently not been considered. Yesterday I finally received initial guidance in my inbox at 8.20pm. I spent last night and most of today going through several documents trying to make sense of contradictory advice and guidance and trying to work out how this could translate into possibly being able to partially reopen school on the 1st June. My initial thoughts are that the plans are unrealistic, poorly thought out, unsupported by scientific evidence and chaotic.

We are missing the children dreadfully and want nothing more than to see them back in school busy enjoying learning and socialising with their friends. But for that to happen I have to know that we can keep them as safe as possible and that you feel confident in our ability to do so. As a Head Teacher the safety and wellbeing of your child and our wider school community is my first priority. I know that it is unrealistic to say that we can ever guarantee school is completely risk free. But where the safety of your child is concerned I would at least expect to feel confident that we have done all we can to minimise the risk, especially when the stakes are so high. I need to be sure that any decisions we make are done so with this at the forefront of our thinking.

I know that you will be keen to have more information about how this will affect your child and how we propose to proceed. As soon as we have more detailed information to share I will be in touch again.

Please bear with us whilst we make plans for the next phase. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards

Fiona Stevens
Head Teacher