

Dear Parents/ carers,

We wanted to get in touch immediately after the Prime Ministers statement tonight to clarify our initial position. We appreciate that there will be lots of questions you will have. We have lots of questions that require clarification too.

For the moment there is no change to the guidance. We will provide care for a **limited number of children whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and only those that cannot be safely cared for at home.** The message is still that it is safer for children to stay at home. If you require such care for your child, you should make contact with me at school.

The Government is formulating plans for the return of some children (presently Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and then those students who are facing exams next year may have contact in schools before we finish the academic year.) We have not received any information to support us with this new plan to start the phase reopening of some year groups. We expect we will receive further information and clarification from the Department for Education shortly.

Any decision to resume education in school will require lengthy preparation time during which all aspects of the return will be examined and completed in line with Government guidance as it is released. We would like to reassure you we will do all we can to ensure the safety of students and staff as part of any future return.

Please be assured that we will keep you regularly informed, but for now please try not to worry. Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning at home, keep contact with you and all our families high and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

Best wishes,

Mr Blocksidge

Head of School