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Dear Parents

I will share information with you frequently to help keep you in the picture as much as possible. Today I want to update you as to where we are with our plans, which are not finalised at this point.

We have been working on plans to open the school to the identified year groups of Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on 1st June. We have provisionally risked assessed staff and this has allowed us to estimate an approximate number of staff available. Final risk assessments will be made following further guidance from their doctors.

The government has issued new guidance which asks schools to avoid a rota system whereby different year groups would come on different days or weeks. Classes must be taught in smaller groups of no more than 15. For very young children such as Nursery this needs to be groups of 10 and two adults in each group. Pre-Nursery children need a much higher ratio of adults to children even if they are with Nursery children in a group.

This means that we are **unable** to open to all the identified year groups as we do not have enough staff.

The government advises that if schools are unable to open to all the identified year groups then plan to open for the youngest children and then work upwards. Taking this into consideration we are **only planning to open for Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Reception plus the children of critical workers and identified children.**

I will share full details of all the steps we will be taking to minimise risk and keep our children safe as soon as the final risk assessments are made, however at this point I wanted to inform you of the proposed year groups we are aiming to open the school to.

We are not yet able to open to Year 1 or Year 6 as we do not have enough available staff. We are trying to accommodate Year 1 and Year 6 as soon as possible and additionally (for Year 6) we will be working with the local authority and secondary schools to see if early visits and transition days can be organised.

All plans, even our draft plans are subject to change in response to the availability of staff.

I will update you again tomorrow.

Best wishes
Mrs Mann

