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Dear Parents,

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 11

Government Announcement re Partial Reopening of Schools

After watching the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening, we now know that it is proposed that schools will begin a phased return to reopening with Reception, Year One and Year Six pupils from 1st June 2020 **provided that infection rates and the government's other tests at the time allow it.**

No doubt, you will have many questions and queries regarding the plans and measures school will be putting in place to keep your children and our staff safe. We will be expecting clear guidance from the Department of Education over the next few days and from this we will formulate a plan which takes into account our specific circumstances in relation to our daily routines.

In the meantime, our arrangements **stay the same**; the school is open for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils. This does not include those who have been told recently that they can return to work, without a verifiable letter from their employer which confirms that they are a key worker. I think that it is important that we are transparent now before any confusion arises and we have numbers which could compromise the gradual steps that the government is taking.

Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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