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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

As you will have seen on the news and then read in the letter last week from Carolyn Robson (CEO, TMET) schools will begin to look at re-opening to some pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in June. We appreciate it has been a very unsettling time, but please be assured that the school are making careful plans and considerations in order to assess and allow for the school to open to wider children in the safest possible manner. This will be phased and carefully planned, beginning with small groups of children.

The first step in this plan has been to find out how many children from these key year groups, laid out by the government, would hope to attend in the coming weeks. To do this, teachers have been calling parents throughout the week to understand more about their wishes which has assisted in this planning. If you have yet to let the school know about your decision, can you please ensure that the school is informed no later than Wednesday 3rd June to assist with this planning. Teachers have also been contacting the parents of children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 to understand a little more about their wishes should we be in a position to open to a wider group at a later stage.

Once final numbers have been received for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, we will be in a position to write in greater detail about the precautions we will be undertaking. These will include:

- Limiting class sizes to small numbers and having allocated classrooms
- Identifying and allocating specific locations for break and lunch times
- Identifying and outlining new arrangements for the pick-up and drop-off of children
- Increasing cleaning protocols and runs within the school
- Reinforcement of 2m distancing wherever possible

Taking into account all of the planning above, and inline with TMET's letter today, the school will not be in a position to open to a wider group of children before 15th June at the earliest, although this may be deferred further depending upon ongoing risk assessments and government advice.

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning.

I want to reassure you again, that the school will not be pressuring anyone to send their children to school. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We'll keep you updated once we know more about when schools will be able to reopen for other year groups.

Please do continue to stay in touch with us about how your child is getting on. Over the half-term period, teachers will understandably not be responding to home learning queries and this will begin again after the break.

Kindest regards,

Mr Gary Aldred