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Dear Parents/Carers.

I'm sure that after the Prime Minister's statement last night there are lots of questions you would like to ask us. We have lots of questions that need clarification too.

For us in school at the moment, there is no change to the guidance. We will continue to provide childcare for those parents whose work is crucial to the COVID-19 response and only those that cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still that it is safer to stay at home.

We have not received any information to support us with the new plan to start the phased return of some year groups. We expect that we will receive additional guidance from the DFE and LA shortly which will hopefully offer some clarification as to what this means for our school. We will need clear guidance to plan how it is possible to social distance in schools and keep our children, staff and families safe, along with how we might start to phase the return of certain groups of children and what this will look like. Please be reassured that we will not reopen until we are 100% prepared and we anticipate that school life will not return to normal in the Summer term.

As always, we will keep you informed, but for now please try not to worry. Our plan is to continue to provide activities for learning at home, keep in contact with you and your children and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

Julia Graham

Head Teacher