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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the support given to school over this difficult period and for your encouragement and your appreciative comments; this means such a lot to us all.

As you are aware, the government asked all headteachers to plan for the partial reopening of schools and we shared our draft plan to do this last week. We have continued to review the plan in light of changing guidance and an updated version is now available on the school app icon and on the website. We have at the heart of all our plans the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils, their families and our staff.

There is still significant uncertainty around the safety of opening to more pupils on 1st June, and we feel it is sensible to pay attention to this. After consulting with governors and partner professionals and after reviewing the most recent information we have regarding the 'R' number and "Track and Trace" measures, we have decided to delay the opening to pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 **until 8th June at the earliest**. We will, of course, continue to review the scientific evidence base and assess the risk of any return to school and keep you fully updated if it is necessary to review our actions.

Those of you whose children may be returning on 8th June will be keen to know details about how this will work and we will email you separately next week with some more detail, as I know you need this to help make plans. So that we can limit the number of interactions each child has, please note that we are planning to have pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on a weekly rota. (Due to the low uptake of nursery provision we are able to offer nursery sessions every week to those families who have requested a place.)

Places in school for the children of key workers will continue to be available and these children will be taught with their peers if in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6. All other children of key workers will be taught as a group and they will be able to access their online work in school.

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing patience, understanding and support during this pandemic. We pray that this difficult time will be over soon so that we will be able to come together as a whole school community once again.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child please let us know by telephoning school or emailing admin@olqoprprimary.org.uk

We are unable to say yet when we will be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that if anything changes at all we will contact you as soon as possible.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your families during this challenging time.

With kindest regards,

B.A. Reilly O'Donnell

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