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Dear parents and carers,

You will have heard in the press that the government has directed schools to open fully from September and we will all be thrilled to see the children back with us. The guidance is quite extensive and Mrs Maher and I are working on a plan so that school can open for everyone at the earliest opportunity.

The mental health of our pupils and staff will be a top priority on our return and for most classes things will return to some level of normality, with each class considered a "bubble". The interaction between bubbles will be kept to a minimum so we will need to stagger elements of the day to support this, with each child getting their full entitlement to the school day. Increased hygiene and cleaning measures will continue and there will be adjustments to our curriculum to support children when they return.

We are also making a contingency plan in case some children have to be at home to self-isolate. Activities closely linked to the work taught in class will be provided and we are looking at new ways to share this now that online platforms are improving their security measures. We will, of course, only use online facilities where we are given assurances that will safeguard our children.

To maintain suitable sized bubbles in early years we are considering adjustments as to how the children are grouped and where they will be taught. We will share further details of this as soon as we can.

The situation is very fluid at the moment and any draft plan we have would be shared with governors and Directors of the trust before being sent to unions, so we won't have a more certain plan for a while. Please be assured that we will continue to listen to all guidance and welcome suggestions for us to also consider. We will do all we can to ensure that a workable plan which supports the health and well being of all is ready to share at the earliest opportunity.

As always, please email school if you have any questions or things you would like us to consider at this stage.

Wishing you kind regards,

B A Reilly-O'Donnell

