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Dear Parents/carers

I'm sure that after the Prime Minister's statement last night, some of you will have some questions. We are also waiting on clarification of the points that were raised.

At the moment, for us in school, there is no change to the guidance. We will provide care for those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and the children already identified that require the support of being at school. The message is still that it is safer to be at home.

We have not received any information to support us with the new plan to start the reopening of school. We expect that we will receive some information from the DfE shortly with some clarification.

We will need clear guidance to plan how we will socially distance in school and keep our children, their families and our staff safe. Please be assured, we will not reopen until we are fully prepared to receive your child/children.

We will not see any large-scale changes for schools until 1st June **at the earliest**. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 **may be** on a phased return from this time but this is dependent on infection rates staying low in the coming weeks. At this moment in time, no plans for the return of any other primary age children have been announced.

As always, we will keep you informed. Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning at home to support our children as best as possible. We will not be open during the week commencing the 25th May as this would normally be a half term week.

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