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Wednesday 27th May, 2020

Dear Parents,

I find myself having to write to you again to update you on the position of the school.

Following a full governing body meeting held last night, it has been decided that our planned dates of return will be delayed by at least one week for Year Six, Year One and Reception class. It remains the case that these dates are based upon evidence and may be changed nearer to the time. The governing body made this decision following a report by Independent SAGE. Unfortunately, both this report and SAGE's report were released after we communicated with you last week. More guidance was released from the government on Sunday which gives further updates regarding pupils in Reception returning to school; I hope this demonstrates how much the field is constantly changing.

The two main pieces of evidence this decision has been based upon are the following:

"We strongly recommend that local test, track and isolate programmes are in place and tested before schools re-open." It is hoped this is in place by 15.06.20 although obviously this is not guaranteed.

"Delaying a school re-opening by two weeks (to 15th June) approximately halves the risk to children."

If anyone would like to see the report that has been quoted, it is available online, alternatively feel free to email school and I will send a copy to you. I hope you all understand that we are following advice, keeping the safety of pupils, staff and our wider community at the forefront of our mind. A further full governing body meeting has been planned for 09.06.20; we will take this opportunity to review the proposed dates below. Just to clarify, we are working towards the following dates:

School open – children of Key Workers (from 01.06.20 places must be pre-booked and the Home School Agreement must be returned)

Monday 15th June – Year Six

Monday 22nd June – Year One

Date to be confirmed based upon capacity within school (floor space and staff) for Reception

The governing body and I would like to express our sincerest thanks to you all for your patience and understanding; the support you have shown the school is very much appreciated. We will keep you updated with any further developments in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Mrs. F. Stephenson

