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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Covid-19 Update

I thought that I would update you with the latest decisions about opening schools. The Prime Minister announced last night that Primary Schools **could** open for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from June 1st. However, he added that local considerations had to be taken into account when opening schools. So keeping it as simply as I can this is the situation we are currently in.

- Our Risk Assessment **has not** yet been signed off by the Local Authority. This won't be done until later next week- **so we cannot open until this is signed off.**
- The Independent Group of scientists (SAGE) has questioned the decision to open schools on June 1st. Their preferred date is 15th June. This decreases the risk of spreading the infection
- The Darlaston Cluster of Headteachers have met (virtually) and, because we have one of the highest rates of Covid1-19 in the Black Country, we want to be very cautious and made a joint decision to open at the same time.
- **School will be open on June 15th for the Year 6, Year 1 and Reception children** - these are the children of parents who have already said that they will return to school.
- **School will not be open to children on June 1st**
- You do not have to send your child back to school if you would prefer to keep them at home.
- **You will not be fined if you keep your child at home.**
- School will continue to be open for the children of critical workers from June 2nd- June 1st is a training day.
- If you are a critical worker and have no other child care options, please telephone school to request a place.
- There is no information about any other years returning to school.

I will send more information next week about the plans for children coming back to school on the 15th June.

Please keep safe. We really miss the children, and as much as I want them back, I am worried about their safety when they return as I cannot promise that they will socially distance from each other however much we try!.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

Kind Regards

Davina Clacy