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Dear Parents and Carers

Prime Minister Announcement: 10 May 2020

I hope you enjoyed a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. It was good to see and hear about some of your VE Day celebrations.

I'm sure that after the Prime Minister's announcement last night there are lots of questions you have. We have lots of questions that need clarification too. At the moment, for us in school, there is no change to the guidance. We will continue to provide care for the children of those parents whose work is critical to the Covid-19 response and those who cannot be safely cared for at home. It remains the case that it is still safer to stay at home

As yet we have not received any guidance from government or Public Health England about re-opening. We will follow the advice we are given carefully and begin to make plans for our re-opening, although dates are conditional on what happens in relation to the 5 key tests set out.

We will need clear guidance to plan how to socially distance in school and to keep our children, staff and families safe; how we might start to phase groups of children returning and what additional measures will be required to ensure that our school community is kept safe in a clean environment with reduced risk of transmission. Please be assured that there is no way we will re-open until we are 100% prepared.

As always, we will try to keep you informed. Please try not to worry. Our immediate plan is to continue to support home-learning, keep in contact with you through regular phone calls and the school's Facebook page and to continue to provide support to each other in these very difficult and uncertain times. It has been wonderful to see and hear about the baking, gardening, indoor camping, lego-model building, creative and sporty activities that you are doing as a family. Stay safe, enjoy your time with your children and take care.

Best wishes,

Michael Ewing
Headteacher

