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Dear Parents

Last night, the Department For Education published their guidelines for the phased reopening of primary schools starting with the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We will now analyse this guidance and put together a plan, with the support and guidance of the Local Authority, with reducing the risks for children and staff being our utmost priority.

We will communicate our plan to you once we have worked through the detail. These are the approaches we are being asked to consider:

- carrying out a risk assessment before opening to more children and young people - the assessment should directly address risks associated with coronavirus so that sensible measures can be put in place to minimise those risks for children, young people and staff.
- making sure that children and young people **do not** attend if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus.
- promoting regular hand washing for 20 seconds with running water and soap or use of sanitiser and ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and cleaning more frequently to get rid of the virus on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, tabletops, play equipment and toys.
- minimising contact through smaller classes or group sizes and altering the environment as much as possible, such as changing the layout of classrooms.
- reducing mixing between groups through timetable changes, such as staggered break times or by introducing staggered drop-off and collection times.

I have also attached the latest guidance from the government for parents to read.

I am sure that you, like us, will have many questions and concerns. I will update you further as soon as I can but please bear with us while we work on the plan with the information that we have.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Simpkins
Headteacher

