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Dear Parent / Carer

Following the update from the Diocese of Bristol Academy Trust, I wanted to send an update from school. Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your patience and for your support that I have received since the government announced their plan of a phased return for schools. I wanted to update you with the school's position, as it stands, before half term begins.

Following the Government guidance on opening schools more widely, I have risked assessed the capacity of the school and made plans regarding the changes that would need to take place inside and outside of the building. The risk assessment will now need to be assessed and ratified by the Governing Body and the directors of the Diocese of Bristol Academy Trust before I can confirm any opening plans with you all. Whilst we are all keen for the children to return to school, the safety of the children, parents and staff within our community are of the utmost priority and it is important that we only start the phased reopening when it is safe to do so.

At present the school's plan is that the first phase of opening will include the continuation of the keyworker provision from June 1st (Mon- Fri) and then opening for the Reception class, from Thursday 4th June. The times of the day for Reception will be different, as I will need to stagger drop off and pick up times, and will be from Monday to Thursday. There is no facility at school for any before and after school provision during these times as that would pose a further risk to the school community. The class will also be split into smaller groups of children, as each classroom can only hold 10 children at a time, with the social distancing measures in place.

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However, any of these plans could change following further Government guidance regarding the phase of lockdown that the country is in, direction from DBAT and direction from the local authority.

Half term is next week and by the end of that week, we will hopefully have a clearer picture of where we are regarding Government guidance and the measures that they are putting into place for the country as a whole and where that leaves school within that wider picture.

If we do start the return on 4th June for Reception, I will be in touch at the start of that week to share all of the new protocols and practices that will need to be in place.

The Learning Plans are available on the website for all year groups for the week beginning 1st June.

School is closed to all pupils next week.

I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that you enjoy the Half Term.

Best Wishes

Mrs Warburton