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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and that you are all managing the new ways of living and working and that your families are coping too. It has been lovely to see so many pictures on our twitter page showing all of the great work that you have been doing with your children at home and I thank you for your continued support with home school learning and appreciate how challenging it can be!

I am sure after the Prime Ministers statement 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 provide care for those parents/carers whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and only those that cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still that it is **safer to stay at home**.

We have not received any information to support us with this new plan to start the phased reopening of some year groups. We expect we will receive further information from the DFE over the next few days with some clarification. We will need clear guidance to plan how it is possible to social distance in schools and keep our children, teachers and families safe; how we might start to phase group of children returning and what this looks like. Please be assured there is no way we will reopen until we are 100% prepared.

As always, we will keep you informed but for now, please try not to worry. Our plan for now is to continue to provide packs for learning at home, keep contact with you, our families and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

If you need any further advice or support please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Mr K. Landrum
Headteacher**

