



The Whartons Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure, like me, many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's address to the nation last night, within which he indicated that the government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased reopening of schools from 1 June, starting with pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y6. This is part of the government's conditional plan which it says will remain under regular review.

In the short-term, nothing has changed; we will continue to offer childcare for children of key workers and vulnerable families. Parents should be mindful that the announcement on returning to work does not mean that school is open for your child/ren. Any new requests for childcare from parents who have not accessed the provision over the last 7 weeks will be reviewed in line with keyworker guidelines, and may well be refused, if your situation does not meet the specific criteria that was set out by the government in March.

Whilst all of us desperately want to see a return to some form of normality, including getting more pupils back into school, we will only implement plans which ensure the safety of our pupils and staff. If the national guidance (once known) cannot be safely applied in our school, the governing body at The Whartons retain the power to make decisions based on our own risk assessments. This may ultimately mean that we are not in a position to expand pupil numbers in the way the government has indicated on 1 June.

I will wait to receive more information from the government in the coming days and weeks and will communicate with you when I can provide further, clear information. In the meantime, I hope we all stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)

