



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

Dear parent / carer,

I am sure that you, like me, were watching the government's announcement on Sunday, hoping that it would give clarity about the impact of easing lockdown for schools.

Whilst the Prime Minister said that those able to work from home should continue to do so he also announced that anyone who can't work from home, for instance those in construction or manufacturing, should be actively encouraged to go back to work. Government guidance is currently being updated to reflect these changes.

At the earliest by June 1, the government believe we may be in a position to begin the phased reopening of shops and to get primary pupils back into schools, in stages, beginning with reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This will be dependent on the scientific conditions being right. Their ambition is that secondary students facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays. The government will shortly be setting out detailed guidance on how to make it work in schools. **Guidance for special schools is very different and is only just emerging.**

There was a lot that the Prime Minister's address didn't tell us and therefore I have no clear message to share with you at this stage; I know you will be very keen to understand what this will mean for you.

There will be a lot more information and guidance coming out over the next week or so and when I have a clearer picture about the future I will share that with you. I know that some of you will want to know about practical arrangements, what social distancing measures are feasible and how these will be implemented, use of PPE, transport arrangements etc.

I also know that some of you are finding the lack of routine and the need to stay at home difficult, whilst others feel extremely anxious about the idea of children coming back into school. I will provide information and answers as soon as I get them.

We are currently awaiting further guidance from the Local Authority. As soon as I have an update and am able to share more details with you I will do so. For now, current arrangements should remain in place; if your child is attending school they should continue to do so but if you are currently home schooling then please continue.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or require clarification please do not hesitate to get in touch via the usual channels.

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