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Dear Parents and carers,

Initial letter to school community about school reopening

On Sunday we heard the Prime Minister announce that schools would begin to extend their opening to Reception, Year One and Year Six from the 1st June 'at the earliest'.

On Monday afternoon we began to receive further guidance on how we can plan for this extended opening. This included a guide for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Over the coming days and weeks, we will be using this information to plan for this next phase of opening. As we draw our plans together and prepare to implement our risk assessments, to ensure the safety of all, we will share these with you. It is our intention that these will be shared with parents by Thursday 21st May at the very latest.

We have the dual desire of wanting to get as many children back to school as soon as possible whilst at the same time ensuring the highest level of safety for all within our community. In planning for the extended opening after the May half term, we also have to recognise a duty of care to the staff who have worked throughout this period, and children who have attended throughout in the lockdown childcare provision.

In order to ensure a smooth transition from the childcare provision and to have time once more to 'deep clean' the whole school, we have made the decision to recognise the May half term.

Therefore, school will be closed from 25th – 29th May for May half term to all children including those who have attended school during the lockdown. Monday 1st June will be closed as an INSET day for staff training to prepare for the extended opening and social distancing measures.

We have decided to communicate this today in order to give 'Key Workers' the maximum time to make alternative arrangements for their children.

Assuming that the scientific guidance continues to support the latest government guidance for English schools opening on the 1st June and the extension of provision for children of critical workers and vulnerable children, to include Reception, Year One and Year Six will commence on **Tuesday 2nd June.**

I am sure that these changes will cause anxiety for many in our community and I would urge you to begin by opening the link in the letter and reading the government guidance.

Yours sincerely.

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Head teacher

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Deputy Head teacher



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