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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

I am sure you are aware of the Government's latest plans to reopen schools for select year groups from June 1st. These will be Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We will also remain open to children of key workers; as we have been throughout the lockdown period. We are in the process of risk assessing our school in order to make it as safe as possible. It is at your discretion whether you choose to send your children in to school or to continue home schooling; there will be no penalties for non-attendance.

As yet we cannot say whether the school will be open to all of the above year groups every day however this will be our goal. Children will be put into groups of no more than 15 and may not be with their class teacher or in their own classroom. These class groups will remain together wherever possible and not mix with any other groups. Where we can we will attempt to social distance but in reality we know this cannot be done at all times, therefore the washing of hands and minimised mixing with others will be a priority. Entry and exit times will be staggered as will break times and lunch. Outdoor learning will become more of a priority too as this gives children greater opportunity to social distance.

Children with underlying health problems must not attend. As before any children displaying symptoms of Covid 19 will be sent home and will have to isolate. If a child or staff member in a class group tests positive the whole group must then self-isolate.

The government is also planning to have all children back to school for a month before the summer holidays, however, this will be monitored so we cannot guarantee that at the moment. Resources for home schooling will still be provided on the school website for all children not attending.

It is essential that we assess pupil numbers to staff the school adequately so if your child is in one of the year groups mentioned above or you are a key worker we ask you to contact the school by email info@smrc.school to let us know your intentions as soon as possible. We will be in contact to let you know times and procedures for bringing your child to and from school including social distancing requirements of adults.

This continues to be a difficult time for all of us and I know you will make your own judgements of what is best for you and your family. I hope you stay well.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Clephane', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Clephane, Headteacher