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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote to you last week following the announcement proposing the opening of schools from the 1st June. Since then we have been waiting for the Local Authority Risk Assessment to aid us in the safe planning and returning to school. As a community school we must comply with the LA guidance.

The risk assessment has now arrived (Wednesday 20th at 3.30pm). I, my senior staff and governors have spent much time analysing and discussing how we proceed, ensuring the safety of all staff and pupils.

As you can imagine there is a significant amount of work to be carried out to prepare the school site, arrange classrooms to be free from excess resources and furniture, planning safe working procedures within the specified 'bubbles' and one of the biggest issues accessing the correct cleaning and PPE supplies. This will not be completed by the 1st June.

Alongside this we are working hard to comply with Union and HR advice being given to all our staff.

Throughout this period of national lockdown staff have continued to support your children through distance learning on Showbie, they have made phone calls and sent text messages to check in with people and have supported families by working in the local school hubs (including during Easter and bank holidays).

This home/school support will be continuing.

When considering a return to school I must look at the needs of all: – pupils, parents and staff.

In line with the Local Authority guidance our first step is to bring those children who have been accessing hub provision into school. That will hopefully begin on the 4th June, providing all elements of the risk assessment have been addressed. Following that, provision for key worker children; who did not access a hub school, will be available from the 8th June. After that we will assess the situation reviewing parental demand and safe pupil numbers for the staffing capacity whilst maintaining social distancing.

School will be operating as follows:

1.6.20 Staff preparing the school site

4.6.20 Pupils who have previously accessed a hub school enter school

8.6.20 New Key Worker families enter school

12.6.20 Review of current situation

I hope that you recognise and understand that as ever my main objective is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all my children, families and staff. Thank-you for your continued support throughout this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

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