Dear Families,

Like many of you, my wife and I are both working full time from home and balancing home learning at the same time. It is hard work. Working on weekends and evenings to catch up to ensure work and family commitments are kept. But we count our blessings. We have our health, home and each other.

Re-opening schools is something all teachers want more than anything. Lots has been in the news about teachers and schools recently but I want you all to know we would like nothing better than for all schools to be open to all children. I want to see every year group learning again, to see all the families and the children. Life for us would be so much better if all the schools were open to everyone and we were back to normal, we want nothing more. I love the job and being able to make a difference. Working with your fabulous children and the generations I have worked with before is an absolute pleasure.

We have been asked to re-open the school on the 1st June and whilst the decisions made may not include all year groups, please believe me that every decision has been made consulting the guidelines and with the safety of everyone as the highest priority. Everything is reviewed constantly; we would love to increase our offer but if I cannot provide what I deem as a safe environment which adheres to the guidelines then I will err on the side of caution. Not just for the physical heath of the children but also being incredibly mindful of the wellbeing impact upon them.

The decisions I and the Full Governing Body have had to make this week are not about what we ultimately want, in seeing all our classes back, but what we feel is the safest for everyone. As the Government have said, the risk will still be there, but I have tried to mitigate every risk I can think of to enable us to open in the safest way possible.

We of course will be keeping in contact with you as guidelines change but I wish you a good bank holiday weekend and will be in touch again after half term.

Kind regards

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