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Good morning to you all,

You will be aware of the government's announcement last night and its change to its approach to the current pandemic. We are now being urged to: Stay Alert, Control the Virus, Save Lives. However, the overriding message is still to stay at home if you can.

In terms of school, you will have heard information about Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 being the first to return in a phased return in June. We do not know any more details about this yet so shall await further guidance from the Department of Education (DfE) in the coming days and weeks, and will update you when we know.

Logistically for a small infant school, a return of two year groups would be problematic if we are to maintain the recommended social distancing. Currently we do not know how or if we can achieve this. We also understand that you as parents will be extremely concerned about the implications of sending your small children back to school at this stage.

We know that you will have lots of unanswered questions – as do we – about how or whether this is safe. We can assure you that we will not do anything to put your children, our staff and in turn our families and community at increased risk – to do so would be irresponsible.

For now, things will remain the same and we will continue as we were. We will begin planning our next steps this week and will let you know as soon as we have a plan in place, but please be patient – this is not going to be straightforward.

As always, thank you all for your support. Stay safe and look after each other.

Jayne Fellows

Headteacher

