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Dear Parents

Government Announcement on the re-opening of schools

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents for being so supportive over the past 7 weeks. It has been, and continues to be, a challenge for all of us: pupils, families and staff. We each have our own particular stresses and strains and, as such, it has been tremendous to see our Carr Lane community all pull together to support each other.

I just wanted to write to you briefly in relation to the Government Announcement last night and their stated aim that EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 re-open on 1st June.

Having got used to 'lockdown', with schools only open to key workers, we will all have anxiety about schools reopening. We now await government guidance on how this is meant to happen. At the moment, we will all have more questions than answers. One thing is for sure, when school does reopen, even partially, it certainly will not reopen like a 'normal' school.

As I said in the last newsletter, I am in weekly online meetings with the LA as part of the Primary Heads' Forum and will be working with them on the essentials of a re-opening plan. As a school team, we need to work out how best to safely reopen certain year groups, building on what we have learnt in our safe operating procedures to date, to do our utmost to keep our pupils safe, our staff safe and our community safe. We will of course share those plans with you in due course.

In the meantime, school continues to be open only for the children of essential key workers and, even so, only as an **option of last resort**. It is essential, that everyone keeps supporting us in this, in order to maintain the safety of our pupils and our community.

Thank you again for your support.

Keep safe

Mr Sean Smith Headteacher