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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by saying a very big thank you for being so supportive and realistic over these last few weeks. As a school family we have really pulled together and supported one another and this will need to continue over the coming months. Since the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday, the DfE have released an ever-changing stream of documentation on how schools should begin the process of reopening to more children. Below are some points based on these documents, with commentary applicable to our school:

- The return date for schools is reliant on many scientific requirements which could change at any time. The earliest we would look to reopen for more children is **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.**
- Schools have flexibility at a local level at deciding what is safe and in line with DfE guidance. These decisions will be taken by our Senior Leadership Team and the Chair of Governors.
- Parents will NOT be fined if they choose not to send their children to school.
- Places will be limited and children who are classed as vulnerable will be given priority over other children - these children are already identified by Senior Leaders.
- The critical Key worker list has not officially changed.
- Once school reopens to more children, the groups will be prioritised as follows; Vulnerable children, Key Worker children, Reception children, Year 1 children and Year 6 children. **It is highly unlikely that we will be able to accommodate all of these groups within the safety guidance.**
- The government guidance makes it clear that young children cannot socially distance and that staff and pupils will not be provided with PPE or expected to wear it (except when dealing with a child displaying symptoms). Parents sending their child into school must be aware of this.

- Reception groups will not have access to normal EYFS provision - many resources will be removed from the classroom to limit the spread of the virus and children will have limited access to equipment.
- Children will be kept in small groups. We will make every effort to ensure the team working with the children will be the same when they are in school. It may not be the case that your child has their current teacher looking after them. It may also be that they are not in the same group as all of their friends. Children in different groups will **not** be allowed to mix in school.
- School will operate flexible start and end of day sessions between 8:45am - 9:15am and 2:30pm -3:00pm. This is to reduce congestion at key times.
- Children must wash daily before coming into school and on returning home from school.
- Fresh clothes must be worn daily in line with guidelines on reducing the risk of catching and spreading the virus – as such we only ask that children wear a school tee-shirt or sweatshirt or cardigan, along with their own clothes. Opportunities to be outside will be regularly provided – children must bring suitable clothes for all-weather learning (rain or sunshine).
- The curriculum provided in school, will be the same as offered to those children remaining at home. Our Home Learning Plans will still be provided weekly.
- Guidance is clear that Year 6 are not the first priority to return, although we will be hoping to give Year 6 the opportunity to come into school when practical. The concern for us, is bringing too many people together, too quickly, causing unnecessary risk to our school family.
- The government's ambition is to offer all primary aged children up to a month's education prior to the Summer holidays; it is still unclear as to how this will be realised.

In order to help our planning, if you are a **Key Worker**, or have a child in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 6**, please can you email me at [head@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk) to inform me whether you intend for your child to return to school after half term. Please contact me by **9am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** at the latest.

I really do understand that there is a great deal of uncertainty, and I share your concerns about this process. No decision will be made lightly and we will continue to evaluate and improve our offer over the next few weeks as more evidence becomes available to support our judgements.

I can assure you of my love and prayers at this uncertain time,

CM Seagrave