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Coronavirus – School Closure Updates & Questionnaire for parents of children in EYFS, Y1 & Y6:

Dear Parents,

Just to keep you updated, we are continuing to work through what we will need to do to start the reopening process for children in Reception (EYFS), Year 1 and Year 6. (There will be no change in the offer for vulnerable children and those of Key Workers). We have not finalised our plan yet as we are still waiting for further information from the Local Authority and Department for Education.

While we will do our best to ensure the safety of the children and staff, we cannot guarantee to be able to socially distance them at all times. I am aware many parents have lots of reservations about sending their children back into school and if you decide you would prefer to keep your child at home, we would respect this decision (and the government have made it quite clear fines will not be issued for non-attendance).

Recovery Curriculum:

When we do begin to reopen, our first priority will be helping the children to settle back into some kind of routine. When each year group returns to school, whether it is in June or September, we will be predominantly planning lessons to support children's wellbeing. We cannot underestimate the impact of the loss of social interaction. For some children the loss of structure will be devastating. It will take time for children to feel safe around others and away from their family unit. This is why teachers will be planning a 'Recovery' curriculum full of activities to support children's wellbeing. Subjects such as English and maths will be the same activities as on Class Dojo for those who choose to stay at home.

Questionnaire:

We have sent a link to a short questionnaire that will help us understand how your child has responded to this situation so we can begin to offer you some help. There is also a question in there asking you to indicate if you would like to send your child into school when we begin reopening too. We need as many of you as possible to respond to this by **Wednesday 20th May** to help us with our planning.

Click the link below to go to the questionnaire or copy and paste the whole link and put it into your web browser to be taken to the questionnaire.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bpGq1MO0TUefP-WEoc8XEbsQXI9ogjJOooS1ngovhwVURUYyN0gzSjIWNzFGMkE1SzhHRUFXV0ZFRy4u>

Kind regards

Mr Jenkinson

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