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To all Parents/Carers,

Next Monday, 1st June 2020, we had planned to open school to Y6, Y1 and FS2 on a rota basis – with children attending either Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday. This phased reopening was based on the most recent guidance from the DfE (Department for Education) and the Local Authority.

As we move closer to this opening we have made the decision to open on Monday 1st June 2020 to **Y6 only**. Y1 and FS2 will start back on the 8th June 2020, one week later. The timetable, the curriculum and all other aspects that we have planned for will remain the same.

Why have we made this decision?

- As much as we have confidence with our risk assessment and plans for next week (both of which have been signed off by the Local Authority and Governing Board), we feel that one week with the Y6 children would give us valuable insight into how school will operate in this limited capacity and provide the children and staff with time to learn their new environment and daily routines. We have chosen Y6 as we believe they are more likely to adhere to the social distancing rules (which we can then observe); thus lowering the risk of transmission.
- By waiting an extra week, the 'track and trace' system being advertised by the Government is more likely to go 'live'; making the school environment even safer and increasing confidence all round.
- The new R-Rate, following schools reopening across Derby, will be published after Monday meaning Parents/Carers have more time to make an informed decision about their child coming back.

Having taken all things into consideration, we believe that this approach will further increase the safety and confidence of children, Parents/Carers and staff and give us the opportunity to plan with increased effectiveness for any increases in numbers in the future. You will be next hearing from us regarding your child's new class and the days they will be asked to attend.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Best wishes and take care.

Mr I. Johnson