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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am sure you have now read the letter from the local authority which has strongly advised all its schools to delay opening until June 8th at the earliest. Clearly, as a school, we will be following the Local Authority advice, and will, for the time being, remain open only for vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers.

It is hard to tell where we will be on June 8th as advice and guidance will no doubt be further updated. But, after half term, I will send you further information to you detailing our approach to a phased re-opening. I will include, amongst other things:

- Which year groups will return first
- Who will be teaching your children
- How we will implement the guidelines on hygiene on social distancing
- How we will keep children and staff safe
- Photos of how the school has been set up ready for children returning
- Arrangements for the start and end of the school day

Parents should not assume that from June 8th we will be able to offer a place in school for all children in reception, year 1 and year 6 as well as the children of key workers. It is most likely that we will phase the children back a year group at a time where we have the capacity to do so. It is also unlikely at this point in time that all the children will return before the end of the summer term. As I mentioned in my previous letter, Before and After School club will not return unless the guidance changes.

The school environment will look very different to what it did when your children left it on 20th March. I want you to know that, whilst the classroom organisation may look a little Victorian, and new systems are in place, the staff haven't suddenly acquired Victorian teaching styles! They will still be very much the nurturing and caring staff who have always worked here. They will use all their skills to help ensure the children feel safe and happy. This is more important now than ever.

It is officially half-term next week (although we remain open for children of key workers on Wed, Thur and Fri), so staff will not update their class web-pages until the start of the week beginning Monday 1st June.

During the next half-term, I will make arrangements to directly contact all families with children from year groups who are unable to return to school or families who have chosen not to send their children back.

Things weren't meant to be like this – in normal times the year 6 would have just been returning from their residential week at the Conway Centre and the key stage 2 children would have been about to begin rehearsals for the Summer musical play. The little ones would no longer be the “little ones” as nursery age children visit the school for the first time. But you are continuing to provide inspiration to your children through the most testing times most of us can remember.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care. Stay Safe

Yours sincerely,

Simon Talbot
Head teacher