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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I hope you are all well and that you have had a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend. It has been lovely to see all your VE Day celebrations and thank you for all those who have sent me photographs.

Following our Prime Minister's broadcast last night, I wanted to reassure you that we will follow the guidance carefully provided by the Department for Education/Government- dates and guidelines are all conditional and dependent on what happens over the next few weeks with regards the five rules set out. Like you, school has many questions this morning that need clarification.

As soon as we have had any final decisions in line with the Government and Public Health England guidelines, we will email you as soon as possible. Above all, we want to ensure the safety of our pupils, families, staff and visitors to our school i.e., our whole school community.

At the moment, for us in school, there is no change to the guidance. We will provide care for those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and only for those who cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is that it is still **safer to stay at home**.

We have not received any further information to support us with this new plan to start a phased reopening of some year groups. We expect that we will receive further information from the Department for Education shortly, hopefully with some clarification.

We will need clear guidance to plan how it is possible to social distance in schools and keep our children, teachers and families safe; how we might start to phase groups of children returning and what this looks like. Please rest assured that there is no way we will reopen until we are 100% prepared.

In the meantime, please continue to do what you are doing at home, and enjoy your time completing family activities alongside the learning that has been set on the school webpage. As always, we will keep you informed but for now, please try not to worry. Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning and home, keep contact with you, our families, and continue to support each other in these very difficult times.

Stay safe, enjoy time with your children and take care.

Yours sincerely,

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