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Update on School Phased Reopening from 1st June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know that many of you will have been waiting for information about the school reopening plan and will be very anxious to know what is likely to happen in the coming months. The government issued further guidance to schools this week, this included a small paragraph on special schools. The government has now clarified that special schools are not expected to follow the national guidance on admitting children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We have been instructed to make our own plans and establish our own priorities.

We now have a phased reopening plan that will take us up to the end of the Summer term, although we know that the government may change its advice between now and the end of term! This plan has been written with input from my senior team, NHS, social care and the Local Authority.

The plan will not suit everyone and leave some parents, carers and pupils feeling disappointed. I hope that the attached plan will give you some idea of how limited the education at school is likely to be. We will be taking many areas of the school out of use and be limiting access to other areas. It will *not* be business as usual. I have attached an updated copy of our social distancing policy and procedures to give you further information on this.

As a father, I have very mixed feelings about my own children possibly returning to school, I know that many of you will be in the same boat. If you would like your child to remain at home for the remainder of this term I will *fully support* your decision. We have created a simple survey to get an idea of demand for places and I would be grateful if you could complete the survey by clicking this link:

<https://forms.gle/kGsaCGSqNu2VsVEp7>

If your child has received a shielding letter they should remain at home until further notice. If your child or a member of your family has symptoms of Covid-19, your child should remain at home.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your patience, cooperation and understanding during this period of school closure. I will update you as soon as I know more.

Yours faithfully

Joe

