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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing with further information about how Willow Lane is going to increase the number of children attending school. You will be aware that the government has asked schools to plan for a phased return of schools from June 1st at the earliest.

Central to our decision making has been the paramount safety of children, staff and the wider community. We have followed the Department for Education (DfE) guidance and have discussed our plans with the school governors.

The starting point from the DfE guidance has been to welcome more children from parents of key workers and vulnerable children and this is ongoing. Schools have been required to complete a risk assessment against the safety points from DfE guidance to decide how many children can be safely educated in school and when this phased return can commence.

School will continue to be open to vulnerable children and children of key workers next week as it has been throughout the Easter Holiday and Bank Holidays. From the week commencing 1st June, school will continue to be open for these and only these children. However, on the 2nd June, school will be closed to all children. The reason behind these decisions is that throughout that week there will be training for staff and logistical works carried out in school to make it safer for further children and staff to attend.

From the week commencing 8th June, as well as key worker and vulnerable children attending, school will welcome in children from Year 6 if the government guidance and school risk assessments indicate that it is safe to do so. These children will be taught in school following a different approach to the one they left whilst all other children will continue to receive learning at home through Seesaw. School will only reopen to other children, in particular our youngest children, when we have confidence that it is safe to do so.

I understand that there is more detail that parents and children of Year 6 children will require before 8th June and please be assured that all the information you need will be given to you.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your continuing kind messages of support as well as thank all our staff for their continued professionalism and hard work both in school and online over the last weeks.

Yours,

Mel MacKinnon HEADTEACHER

