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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Summer Term Update 7.

Hope you are all safe and well.

Firstly, thank you to everyone, who took the time to complete the survey regarding the children from the four identified year groups returning to school. We understand what a difficult choice this is to make. We also know that many of you are waiting for a better understanding of what the return to school will look like before you make that decision. In making our plans for re-opening, we have put a structure in place to allow this to happen. We will give parents and carers with children in the year groups who have returned to school the opportunity, week by week, to decide whether to send their child back in.

A great deal of work has gone into planning for the potential phased re-opening of our school from 1st June. We are sharing this with our governing board today, and we will then be in a position to share this information with you tomorrow. We have wanted to take our time and ensure that our plan ensures that the wider re-opening of school is done as safely as possible for everyone involved – pupils, families, staff and the wider community.

I am also sending out a letter today that we received yesterday from Salford Local Authority. This explains that head teachers, with the full support of the Local Authority, will only be welcoming the number of children back into their schools, that they deem to be safe, and therefore the timescales set nationally may not be followed. Exactly how this works will vary from school to school, based upon the specific considerations unique to each setting. It goes on to say that for the primary schools in the area it is highly unlikely that all the identified year groups will return at once from 1st June.

I can assure you that the plans we are taking to the governors today, and will be sharing with you tomorrow, are driven by the consideration of how we can re-open in a phased manner from 1st June in the safest possible way for our school community.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Mark Foster,
Head teacher.

