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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has certainly been a very strange half term. At this time of year, the Y2 and Y6 children would be celebrating completing their SATs and we would be looking forward to sports days, summer fairs, school trips and Y6 leavers' assemblies. I have been so impressed by how everyone has risen to the challenge at these difficult times – but remember it is half term next week so home learning can officially be paused!

As you know we are planning on opening school up to YR/ 1 and Y6 children from June 1st. I must again remind you that school will be very different from how it was before "lockdown" and that it is not compulsory for children to come to school – you will not be fined if your child does not attend school. All children (including those of critical workers and vulnerable) will need to wear their uniform to school from June 1st. We are unable to provide hot school meals, but children entitled to FSM will receive a packed lunch.

As a school, we will do everything we can to comply with government guidelines around social distancing; we will enforce regular, thorough handwashing and also clean all hard surface and toilets regularly. However, as I said in my letter of 15th May, I cannot make any firm guarantees that your child will not be exposed to the virus.

If your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms of coronavirus, including loss of taste and/or smell, you must not bring your child to school. It is vital that you inform school immediately so that we can take appropriate action.

From Monday June 1st, in order to maintain social distancing measures near the school, staff will collect and release children from the main school gate. Only staff and pupils will be allowed on the school premises until further notice. Please use the 2m markings on the pavement outside school and limit your contact with people outside of your household at the beginning and end of the school day.



Current government guidance refers to schools using their 'best endeavours' to provide home learning. There is no obligation or statutory duty on schools to continue to provide home learning in any specific way if and when pupils start to return. However, we will try to continue the approach already in place. Please be mindful though, that staff will be back in the classroom fulltime and may not be able to provide feedback for home learning until Friday afternoons, during their designated PPA time.

During half term, staff will be in school preparing classrooms so that they comply with Government guidelines. We will also be providing child-care for the children of our critical workers. I would like to thank all staff again, for everything they have and continue to do to ensure that we are in the position to be able to open school up to more and more pupils.

Enjoy your holidays; be kind to each other and stay alert.

Best wishes,

Mrs Waplinton.

