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Dear Parents

Thank you to those of you who are Key Workers and/or have children in Year 6 and Year 1 who got in touch to let us know if you would like a place for your child if we open in June.

There are a significant number of you who are Key Workers and/or have children in Year 6 and Year 1 who would like your child to return to school. Unfortunately, as there has been a high demand for places, I will not be able to offer any places to children in Year 1 or Year 6 whose parents are not key workers. At present, I am unable to offer a place to all children of Key Workers so I am seeking advice as to how I should prioritise places. I am not in a position where I am able to confirm who will have a place although I know the uncertainty will be causing many of you anxiety. I will confirm as soon as possible.

I will have to limit spaces to ensure I can keep children in groups (bubbles) of 8. This creates increased demand on space and staffing.

If we can offer your child a place, we will email you with information that you will need on their first day of return. This will include the group they are in, what time they should arrive and where they should line up.

If you are a Key Worker and indicated you wanted a place for your child but have reconsidered and do not need a place, please can you contact us so that we can offer a place to a child whose parents need one.

I would like to reassure parents that I have timetabled staff who will focus on supporting children who are still learning at home. We will look to mirror experiences so that there is equity. We will still be available to respond to concerns and questions even if your child is not in school.

We are working with Cramlington Learning Village on transition activities for our Year 6 pupils. They are working to ensure they give you all the information you will need. They have also planned to provide 'virtual experiences' for both children and parents. They will set some work challenges for the children. Your child will be able to access all the activities whether they are at school or learning at home.

The earliest I will be able to open the school will be Tuesday the 2nd. I plan for all staff to attend training in new procedures on Monday the 1st of June. I will need to close the school to all children on the 1st. I know that this will cause some families difficulties, but it is an important element of the risk assessment that all staff understand all new systems.

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In addition, I cannot, at this point, confirm that we will definitely open further, as this is still dependent on a number of factors including a final decision by Government, decisions made following scrutiny of all risk assessments and orders to support additional cleaning being delivered in time. If I cannot open further, I will continue to be open for children who have already been attending.

I apologise for an update that provides no further certainty. The Department for Education must be rubbing off on me! I appreciate your understanding and continued support.

As always, please call or email if you have a question.

Take care and stay safe

Clare Scott