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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the latest Government guidance as of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020, it seems unlikely that there will be a wider opening of schools before September.

As a Trust, we are bitterly disappointed with this news but with no relaxation of the restrictions around social distancing we are unable to open up to any more children at this time.

Some weeks ago, the Government spoke of opening up school to the following year groups, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. What was not made clear, was that priority was to go, in the first instance, to children of critical and key workers and vulnerable children. Due to the high number of critical and key worker children in our schools, it quickly became clear that the limited number of places available due to social distancing would soon fill up and it would be unlikely that we would have classroom space or staff to facilitate the return of the year groups the Government had spoken of.

We very much share the frustration that we know you are feeling and desperately want all our children back in school as soon as possible. However, the safety of our children and staff is paramount and we must take the lead from the Government and adhere to the rules they have in place.

### **Learning at Home**

We continue to offer support to those children unable to return to school and encourage you to access the new Home Learning Portal, details on the front page of the school website.

### **Year 6**

This year group are, perhaps most affected by this situation as celebrating their time at Primary School before moving onto a new adventure at Secondary School is an important milestone. Transition events to prepare for this and an opportunity to say farewell to friends and teachers have all been put on hold. We want to reassure all our Year 6 children that their teacher will be in touch with them and that there are a number of things being planned behind the scenes to celebrate the children's last year of primary school. Mrs Scargill and Mrs Walker are also working very hard on a transition program, details of all of this will follow over the coming weeks.

### **Reports**

Thank you to all those who have collected their child's report, in a socially distanced way, from school. We hope you enjoyed reading them, and thank you for all your wonderful comments about them. The aim was to provide a very personal snapshot of your child, and it sounds like you agreed that it was. If you have not managed to do this yet, and have not contacted the office to make alternative arrangements, the report will be kept until September and sent home with your child when they are in school.

Should you have any queries or concerns then I would encourage you to contact us via the office phone or email so we can offer our support.

Thank you again for all your kindness, patience and support at this unusual time.

Best wishes and stay safe

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