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Dear Parents,

As I am sure you will be aware, the Prime Minister has set out plans for a possible phased reopening of schools from Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2020. Further guidance has since been released to support schools in implementing this and I am sure that further details and announcements will be forthcoming.

At this time, we can't commit to exact dates, and when we will be able to offer this from, as there are many things that need to be considered in order to safely re-open school.

The plan stated that schools would re-open for Year R (Eden Class), Year 1 (Hendra Class) and Year 6 (Rosemellyn Class) children, but no other children yet, so siblings in other year groups would not be able to attend. Also, due to the possible risks, the Government has said that schools will not be accountable for attendance and parents will not be penalised (fined) if they decide not to send their children to school at this time.

As a result, I felt it was important to write to you as parents to let you know of our plans to endeavour to make school safer for children, staff and parents if we are expected to reopen in the near future. Please consider everything in this letter, and make a decision over the next few days, and then inform Nanpean School (contact details below) of your intentions regarding your child in these classes returning to school.

In order to re-open safely, we are implementing the following:

- Staggered school start and drop-off times, as well as staggered school finish and collection times. In order to do this safely, we will be implementing a one-way system and have a designated entrance (unlikely to be usual class entrances).
- When doing either of the above (drop off or collection of children), please ensure that only one parent is present at school, again to ensure social distancing and not too many parents on site at one time.
- Government advice is stating that maximum group sizes will be 15. Therefore, it is important that you are aware that your child possibly won't be with the usual staff in their class, but they would be with Nanpean School staff.
- The same staff will be assigned to a group of children, again so as to minimise the risks.
- We will also ensure that adequate hand washing facilities and hand sanitizer is available in all rooms.
- We will be doing our utmost to ensure that children socially distance and remain 2 metres apart, but are aware that this will be difficult to do with young children. We know that unlike older children and adults, early years and primary aged children can't be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to school, we are taking this into account.

- If sending your child to school, please do not send your child with a bag or PE Kit. The only item we would allow them to bring is their packed lunch.
- When in school, we will be minimising the use of resources and giving children named stationary to ensure the risk of spreading germs is low at this time.
- We will also be ensuring regular cleaning continues to take place to minimise any risk.
- The Department for Education has decided that staff are not expected to wear PPE. However, we do have PPE available for certain circumstances, such as First Aid provision.

In relation to the points above, please be aware that these are initial, provisional plans, and are subject to change as we continue to hear more from the Government.

The Government strongly encourages children in these year groups to return to school, while also acknowledging your right to not return your child to school at this time. If you decide not to send your children to school due to risks to their health or others' health at this time, we will continue to remotely provide support and 'home learning' to you. Those children at school will also be completing the activities given as home learning, so that all children, regardless of if they attend school or not, receive the same educational support at this time.

If children do come to school, we are assuming that Caterlink will be providing the usual lunch service. This has not been confirmed as yet, but I expect lunches to be available and for Free School Meal children and children in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals to receive a school lunch each day. For any children who are eligible to receive Free School Meals but do not return to school, we expect the FSM food parcels to continue.

If there are any further Government updates in relation to schools reopening, I will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible.

However, could I now ask that you spend the next few days discussing if you feel it is safe to send your child back to school. Could you then please call the school office (01726 822447) or e-mail [office@nanpean.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:office@nanpean.cornwall.sch.uk) by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, to inform us of your decision, if you **are or are not** planning to send your child when school re-opens. Once we are aware of how many children are likely to be attending, we can then plan further details and communicate this to you.

Finally, I would like to send you, the children and your families my best wishes at this difficult time,

*M. Nicholls*

Mr M. Nicholls (Headteacher).

