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Dear Parents

Following on from our recent letters, an Extraordinary Full Governing meeting was held yesterday to discuss the possibility of the wider opening of the school.

The governors considered the ever-changing Government and Local Authority guidance and updates alongside possible reopening scenarios and after much debate, it has been decided that further planning is required to ensure the health, safety and well-being of both pupils and staff and the sustainability of plans we put in place.

At this stage it is hoped to open the school more widely on Monday 8th of June. A meeting of the Full Governing Body will take place before a final decision is made and to take into account any further Department for Education and Public Health England guidance. We must emphasise that guidance and advice is updated often and with very short notice.

As mentioned previously, please bear the following in mind from Surrey and Government instructions: -

- The Government or Surrey County Council could reverse or postpone the opening of schools.
- If the school opens, there is a possibility that it could open partially and that children will not be in school all day and/or all week.
- If the school cannot be safely staffed or safely accommodate all the children, according to Government instructions, the return to school will be prioritised.
 - The first priority would be to allow the return of vulnerable children and the children of Critical Workers.
 - The second priority would be to allow vulnerable children, the children of Critical Workers and children in Reception to return.
 - The third priority would be to also allow Year 1 children to return alongside vulnerable, critical worker and Reception children.

As soon as we have plans in place, we will let you know about arrangements for which children will be returning and when, though must add that there may be further changes after the reopening.

We do look forward to seeing you as soon as possible but need to ensure that all children, staff and parents will be safe.

Once again thank you for your on-going patience and understanding with this ever-changing and emotive situation. Guidance is changing with every day that passes and so please, again, accept our apologies for all the different uncertainties and unconfirmed information.

Many thanks and kind regards.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Mead
Headteacher



Mrs Y McLeod
Chair of Governors