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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We hope that you are all managing and continuing to stay well. We promised that we would write to you to keep you updated on our progress and provide details of our next phase of wider opening.

The year 6 children we have had in continue to be brilliant and the Year 1 children have been amazing. We continue to tweak the systems in place and we are pleased with how well our sessions have been working.

We now feel we are in the position to offer some sessions to children in Year 5 as we feel they will settle to the strict procedures in place to help protect them and the staff. However, as with Year 1 and Year 6, we want to be clear that if we feel that we are unable to provide adequate protection we will reverse the decision to open wider as we have a responsibility to everyone in the community to do so.

Before inviting a new year group in to school we always reflect on our decision not to bring EYFS children back into school and review our risk assessment for these children. At this time, we still feel it is not appropriate for this age group to return to class as we feel it would be detrimental to their emotional wellbeing. Please be assured we are desperate to see all children back in school but will only do so when we are confident it is in their best interest. We will continue to send daily video lessons to EYFS children.

We are aware that many parents, careers and children feel anxious about returning to school especially as many changes have taken place since. To help with this, our video about reopening remains on our website and we hope you will be able to watch it together as a family and see what The Downs looks like with social distancing measures in place.

We are really looking forward to seeing more of the children in school and will continue to review how things are going.

Please do everything you can to stay well.

Our best wishes to all our families.

Take Care

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