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Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools begin to Plan a Phased Re-Opening from June 1st

First of all, I must say a heartfelt thank you for your patience, understanding, support and positivity in both the days leading up to, and since the school closure in March. I speak on behalf of all staff at Knighton Mead when I say that we miss you and cannot wait to see the children again when it is safe to do so. I hope you have enjoyed the daily updates on Twitter, the learning and wellbeing materials on the school website, phone calls home from teachers and the two work packs sent home so far.

As you will have seen on the news and then read in the letter last week from Carolyn Robson (CEO, TMET), schools will begin to look at re-opening to some pupils from Monday 1st June. This will be phased and carefully planned, beginning with small groups of children who will be expected to stay 2m apart wherever possible. We understand that there may be anxieties and questions around how this will work but be reassured that all plans will aim to create the safest possible environment we can, to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection in school.

There will be a carefully thought-out plan for the upcoming half term.

The first step in this plan is to find out how many children from the key year groups, laid out by the government, will hope to attend school over the coming weeks. This may vary from 1 day a week to more, but this will be communicated as we review progress from week to week, which will inform our planning of how school will be open for these cohorts. Groups will be between 5-10 pupils, with 2 members of staff. **Key year group children's parents (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6) will be called tomorrow. Please look out for this call and let us know whether you plan on sending your child/children in to school when school does reopen (the date of this is still yet to be finalised).** This will help me in finalising plans.

I will communicate with you again after half term to share the next set of plans but as always, feel free to leave a message with the school office and Miss Smith or I will call you back. Do look at the school Twitter and website for updates too.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support and very much look forward to seeing you all, when it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Slinger
Principal