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Dear Families,

I sincerely hope my message finds you safe and well.

Here at Southway we all understand the important role we play in this time of crisis and no doubt you will have been keenly following the news with regards to the Government's plans for reopening schools for year 6 children, from June 1st. I also suspect that, like me, you will have just as many concerns, opinions and questions around this probability as I do. The issue of children and staff returning is highly complex, multi-faceted and of course every family circumstance is both different and unique. I also appreciate that many of you will be worried about what your child(ren) can expect if they do return.

Just like you, both myself and the staff are members of families all of whom share the same concerns as you do with regards to their own safety and well being. Therefore it is more important than ever that the right decisions are made for all of us in the midst of this awful pandemic, which has and continues to affect so many lives.

By the end of next week you will receive a letter outlining the school's plans. In that letter will be details about what a school day will look like for those children returning. All plans will begin with the safety and best interests of the children and staff at its heart. I cannot pretend that all risks can and will be mitigated. That is simply not realistic and would be disingenuous. The idea of effective social distancing of children in a school environment, for example, is frankly impossible. It is possible to minimise risk but not to completely eradicate it.

We continue to find ourselves in uncharted territory but I can assure you that we remain committed to making sensible and proportionate decisions.

In the meantime stay safe.

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