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Southway Junior School

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Dear Families

I hope you are all safe and well. As we rapidly approach the end of the academic year teachers are now left facing a very different way of working and children are left facing a very different way of learning when we all return to school in September. We are all, unfortunately, victims of circumstance here and we appreciate your patience and understanding as well as the support you have shown the school over the last few months.

The government have at last released the latest guidance for us to digest and subsequently plan around and as a result we can only inform parents of the school's plans with relatively short notice. My sincere apologies for this. Please rest assured that we will be complying with the guidance in order to ensure that the children and staff can return as safely as possible under the circumstances. A full description of how the school will operate for your child, in the form of FAQs, will be sent to you once a full and comprehensive plan has been agreed by myself, the senior leadership team and the governing body, next week.

This week you will have received notification of your child's new teacher and classroom for next year. Over the last few weeks and in order to help your child prepare for September, all teachers and support staff have produced a video for our YouTube channel, introducing themselves and reading a short story. I am sure you will find this really helpful. These will go live from Monday 6th July so make sure you check in! You will also receive a 'transition' booklet providing information about your child's class teachers, TAs and other useful information. Finally we are in the process of completing a 'virtual' tour of the whole school to help children orientate themselves if they are unfamiliar with the school site. This will also go live on our channel as well as be available on our website.

In the meantime I wish you all well.

Mr P Newbold Headteacher

