



11th May

Dear Parents / Carers,

I'm sure like me, many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's address to the nation last night. At the moment this will be very raw for all of us and I know we will all have strong emotional reactions to what we listened to.

You will have heard the Prime Minister indicating that the government believes it **MAY** be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of schools from 1st June 2020 (this would be 8th June for the Willows – after the Whit holidays!), starting with pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This is part of the government's **CONDITIONAL** plan which it says will remain under regular review.

I believe that parents and teachers want to get pupils back into school as soon as it is **SAFE** to do so. Our staff have devoted their lives and careers to the care and education of the Willows children – they do not want to see classrooms empty for a day longer than they need to be. We are missing you all and would love to see you as soon as it is safe to do so.

However, the first priority has to be the **SAFETY** of everyone in the school community. I am aware that the government will soon share and explain the scientific evidence it is relying on, especially when it is basing such vital decisions on it.

We shall wait for this advice and make sure that it is absolutely **SAFE** and **PRACTICAL** for children to return to the Willows before making any re-opening announcements. Therefore, may I remind you that in the short-term, nothing has changed. I will provide further information in the coming days and weeks once I am able to do so.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in these strange and unprecedented times.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Mrs Warren