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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure many of you will have seen the Prime Minister's briefing last night. I watched it as you did and it left me with lots of questions as I'm sure it did for you too.

At the moment, for us in school, there is no change to the current guidance. We will continue to provide care for the children whose parents' work is critical to the Covid-19 response and who cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still that it is safer to stay at home. At the moment the list of key workers whose children we can accept has not changed.

We will await more information to support us with the possible phased re-opening of some year groups. Hopefully this information will be out over the course of the coming week. Some will come from the government and some will be from The Department for Education.

We will need clear guidance on how we are expected to socially distance young children and what other measures are needed to keep our children, staff and families safe. Along with what the phased return looks like e.g. the days and times that different classes may be in.

As always we will keep you informed but for now try not to worry. There were lots of ifs and maybes in the Prime Minister's speech around the phased reopening so until we know more there is no point in worrying or speculating.

Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning at home, caring for our key worker children and keeping contact with you and supporting each other through these uncertain times.

Best wishes

Nicky Taylor-Bashford