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Re: update on possible reopening of schools

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to those parents who were able to take part in our survey; we had 57 responses to date.

I would also like to thank you for your patience while we waited for further information on reopening schools – the government has now published more guidance, and we summarise what we know so far below.

To recap, if the government thinks it is safe, schools will start to reopen from 1 June to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils.

Over this week and the coming weeks, we will be creating a detailed plan to make sure we can safely welcome these year groups back, if it is safe for us to start the phased reopening of the school then.

Please note that Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children would not be expected to return to school on the 1st of June as we would need to ensure that all risk assessments are in place before we can accept additional children.

Precautions we will be taking include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home
- Asking children who attend school to continue to social distance between home and school

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

I want to reassure you again that we won't be pressuring parents to send their children to school – you know what's best for your child's health and wellbeing. We shall provide you with more details on the arrangements for reopening in the coming weeks, so you can make the appropriate decision.



Please be reminded that in the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers (both parents). Until we are told that it is safe to do so, we are unable to provide places for other children.

We'll keep you updated once we know more about when the school will be able to reopen for other year groups. For pupils at home, we will continue to support you and your child with home learning, and meal support for those eligible.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of staff via email enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk or by telephone 01207 502938.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support during this very difficult time. Please keep sending all of your activities and pictures either to: enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk or send@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk as they really cheer us up and remind us of what fantastic families we work with.

Take care and stay safe.
Bernadette