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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

We know you've seen in the news that schools may reopen on 1 June to reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils **if** the government thinks it's safe then.

We're waiting for further guidance and clarification from the government right now, which will hopefully help us create an action plan for our phased reopening. We'll share this with you as soon as possible so you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice.

It's a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we're going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups if it's safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks.

However, we're also not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school, since you know your children and personal situation best. Everyone will be different in terms of their home situations. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We'll need to keep going with this for a while yet, so please do continue to do what you can and stay in touch with us about how your child is doing. Keep sending your children's work and activities to our Facebook page so that we can share them with everyone.

Teachers are available on DB Primary from 10am – 12pm on Tuesday and Thursday should you need to contact them directly. You can also get hold of staff in school every weekday on our usual number 0121 464 4302 or our school email address: enquiry@theorchardsprimary.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this increasingly difficult time,

Stay safe,

Mrs Carrier
Head Teacher

