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as Jesus taught us.*

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## Re: Covid19 school up-date (23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020)

Dear Parents,

The last few months have without doubt been the most challenging I have known in 25 years as an educator and indeed have been the most disruptive to schools since World War 2. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the many messages of support that you have sent and also to assure you that your children (whether in school or not) remain our absolute priority.

As a school, we are desperate for all of our children to return and are hopeful that September will see this happen. I am very proud of the fact that we have been able to accommodate the government designated returning classes plus key worker / vulnerable groups to the extent that we have; due in no small part to staff preparing to pitch-in, adapt and take on extra responsibility. Many other schools have not been able to do this or at best have had to offer a rota (my daughter's school included).

I wanted to let you know that staff in school are fully engaged with the classes that were eligible to return (Nursery, Year R, Year 1, Year 6, Key Worker and Vulnerable groups) and that they are working really hard under difficult circumstances. The situation has remained fluid and dynamic since we re-opened just over 3 weeks ago and adapting on the go has become the norm but now that circumstances have stabilised a little more, we are especially committed to further supporting the non-returning classes. Measures linked to this will include:

- 1) The new home- learning packs as mentioned in texts
- 2) A "Hi from your teacher" letter that will be included in the packs
- 3) Home-learning grids (which are still being posted on the website)
- 4) The possibility of a videoed collective worship for pupils at home.
- 5) And I can confirm that I will be phoning children who have not returned to school and will be commencing this next week. I will be doing this Tuesday to Thursday as I am teaching full days on Mondays and Fridays.

I had also explored the possibility of trying to return other year groups prior to the summer break. Unfortunately, I was informed that this would mean cancelling the provision for the government designated classes / key-worker groups and this would be in contravention of DfE directives. As and when the government revise social distancing rules again we will review our provision in the hopes that more classes will be able to return.

I fully sympathise with the parents of non-returning children and have personal experience of this. I want to assure you of our best attention and that we will be working closely and collaboratively as a school family to ensure that when all of our children can return, they will receive the warmest of welcomes and the support that they require to re-engage with school and their learning.

With kind regards to you all,

Mr Green

