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Dear Parents,

Further to my letter dated Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May where I set out our initial plans for reopening, I wanted to write to you again to explain our plans for the phased reopening of Nanpean School.

Currently, we are providing childcare to vulnerable children and those with key worker parents while implementing ideas and plans for reopening to Years R, 1 and 6. The Prime Minister stated plans for a phased reopening of schools to these classes from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. However, it is important that you are aware that this date was not a definite date for reopening, hence his use of the word 'from'.

In my original letter, I stated 'At this time, we can't commit to exact dates, and when we will be able to offer this from, as there are many things that need to be considered in order to safely re-open school.'

We are currently in the process of planning for reopening at some point in June. However, at this time, there are still many concerns regarding the safety of children and staff, due to unanswered questions related to scientific advice, and I cannot emphasise enough that safety is paramount at this time. Therefore, following half term week, we will only be open for vulnerable children and those with key worker parents (already booked to attend) from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Following this, we intend (for the targeted classes for the first phase of reopening) which are Years R (Eden Class), 1 (Hendra Class) and 6 (Rosemellyn Class), to return to school over the following weeks in June. Our current plan for this is that these children would attend school on a Monday to Thursday, so that our staff can receive their statutory Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time when school is closed on a Friday. Hopefully this should enable you to plan for childcare on the Friday, as school will only be open to vulnerable children and children of key worker parents on this day each week.

However, there are still many things to consider, not least the next update from the Prime Minister which is expected on the 28<sup>th</sup> May. This is during half term week, so further communication will then be sent to you as early as possible on the week of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

I would also like to remind you that currently the Government have acknowledged parents' right to not return their child(ren) to school. The Government encourages children in these year groups to return to school, but if you decide not to send your children to school due to risks to their health or others' health at this time, we will continue to remotely provide support and 'home learning' to you, and there will be no penalties for parents in terms of attendance.

When we are able to open school, we are expecting children to be able to have a meal provided by Caterlink, our catering (school lunch) provider. However, it may be a meal made on a central site and delivered to our school, as they are also currently considering different options in relation to their staff returning to workplaces.

As mentioned previously, I will now update you further in the week of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, after half term. I also want to make it clear that this week contained a school INSET day (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June). Therefore, on this day, Teachers will be working on tasks but will not be able to respond to messages until the following Monday.

I apologise that we cannot, as yet, commit to definite dates, but I want to make it abundantly clear that this decision has been made with much thought and consideration, and that the reason for this is to be certain that we are doing what is best for our children, their families and school staff in terms of their health, safety and general wellbeing at this time.

Finally, I would like to send you, the children and your families my best wishes at this difficult time. I hope you have a lovely, relaxing half term week, and I look forward to communicating with you all again soon.

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