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Reopening of school.

Dear Parents,

We appreciate that there has been a lot of uncertainty regarding if and when schools will begin to reopen to more pupils. I would like to thank you for your patience in this matter. Our priority has always been to keep everyone safe and this will remain.

The local picture still shows that infection rates here are higher than in other areas of the country which is why reopening has been delayed so far. We are hoping that this will begin to fall and have put a plan in place for partial reopening.

If infection rates fall and we have the staffing availability to do so we will open for children in Reception on Monday 22nd June. This is just for the children whose parents have already given a definite yes for their child to return. Our capacity in school is limited due to all the guidance we have to follow.

We may also be in a position to open for children in Year 1 from Monday 29th June. Again due to limitations on numbers this will just be for the children whose parents have already given a definite yes for their child to return. It will also be subject to staff availability as the Covid Test and Trace system may result in members having to self-isolate.

Unfortunately there is very little chance of us being able to open for any other year groups until September.

We appreciate how frustrating all this is for families but we have to follow all government guidance and this has resulted in reduced capacity in schools.

We miss all our St Thomas' children and would like nothing more than to have them all back with us right now. We really appreciate all the work you are doing with your children at home.

Please continue to stay safe and follow all social distancing rules.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Woods

