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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure like me, many of you will have watched the Prime Minister address the Nation last night. You will have heard the Prime Minister indicating that the government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased (Phase 2) re-opening of Schools from 1st June 2020, starting with pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Six. This is part of the Governments conditional plan which it states will remain under **regular review** - and **only if the infection rates and the Government's other tests at the time allow it**. However, I do believe that this statement will have left the majority of you with a range of unanswered questions, we too have lots of questions that need clarification too.

Therefore, at the moment, for us in school, there is **no change to the guidance**. We will continue to provide childcare (Phase 1) for those parents whose work is **critical to the COVID-19 response (critical and Key workers only)** and only those that cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still that it is **safer to stay at home. NOTHING HAS CHANGED FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS.**

I am now waiting to receive more information from the Government about what this will mean for our School, once I have received this I will update you all accordingly. However, I want to reassure you all that our overriding consideration is one of safety and that **ALL** decisions made will be based upon this. We will be using the next two weeks to make sure we manage the process of re-opening, and that we have all required measures in place, so school will be a safe place for your child to return to.

As always, we will be guided by what is published by the Government. There will be more detailed guidance released for schools to consider in the coming days. So please be assured that there is no way we will reopen until we are **100% planned and prepared** and we will let you know the arrangements for your child's return to school in due course and ask for your patience during this time. Also, be assured, that if national guidance cannot be safely applied at Denbigh Primary School the Governors and I retain the power to make decisions regarding the safety of pupils and staff based on our own Risk Assessments. We will do what is right for our children, staff and the community we support.

As always, we will keep you informed but for now, please try not to worry. Our plan at this stage is to continue to provide daily activities for learning at home, keep contact with you, our families, and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

**More importantly, please remember that we do not want you or your children to stress about school work. It is our job as educators to get your child back on the right track. So right now, we just need you to share your calm, your strength and your laughter with your child whilst making memorable memories. Together we've got this!**

Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all (pupils, parents and staff) for your continued support, commitment and dedication to keeping our community safe during these unprecedented times, I'm extremely proud of the way we have rallied around together to ensure that each other is safe and cared for, you're all doing an incredibly hard yet successful job and lets continue to keep it that way!

Take care and stay safe.

**Louise Guthrie, Headteacher, NLE.**