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**Headteacher**  
**Miss K Greenway**

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Dear Parents,

Further to my email last Friday, I am now writing to explain our plans about how we can reopen from the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June for some children and still keep everyone safe. We have reviewed all the government guidance and in consultation with Governors and Hampshire County Council we now have a final decision about which groups can return to school.

The Government have confirmed that all schools are required to prioritise different groups of children to attend dependent on staff capacity and space. The order of the groups that we need to prioritise are:

- Vulnerable and Key worker children in all year groups (as defined in the Government guidance)
- Nursery (where applicable)
- Year R
- Year 1

We had hoped that we would be able to offer a place for all Nursery, Year R and Year 1 children but this will not be possible. Unfortunately there would be too many children for the number of staff we have available and the space we have.

**This means that we will only open for keyworker and vulnerable children, Nursery children on a part time basis (one day a week) and Year R children (Monday to Thursday).**

We would have loved to have seen everyone back in school and I am very aware that for some of the children (and parents) not in these year groups, this will be disappointing news. But if we just opened the doors to everyone and didn't follow the Government guidelines (groups of 15, no mixing of groups etc. etc.) then no one would be safe.

Please remember that if you are really not happy to send your children back to school, it is OK and you will not be fined. Some children will have their own health condition or may have a member of their family who is 'clinically extremely vulnerable'.

I think it is important for you to also understand that for the children who will be back in school, the teaching and learning will not be like it was before. We will be working on activities like the home learning that we have been sending, with a very limited range of resources - as we have to ensure they can all be cleaned!! We will be continuing to send home learning for Year 1 and Year 2 which will follow what we are doing in school.

Tomorrow, all parents in Nursery and Year R will receive a link to a survey that we need you to complete **straight away please**. This will tell us whether you would like your child to come back to school or not. Once we have this information, we will then be able to carefully sort the children into their 'groups' and send further details about routines, drop off and pick up, staggered start times etc. If you do not complete the survey, we will not be able to allocate your child to a 'group'.

Tomorrow, I will send a further email to the key worker group (those parents that have needed to send their children to school during Lockdown) to find out whether your needs are the same or you need different arrangements.

Tomorrow, I will also send a letter to the Year 1 and Year 2 children explaining why they cannot come back to school. This will hopefully help if you are finding it tricky to explain this to them.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the amazing staff at Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School who have worked so hard and to thank all of you for the many kind words we have received and your support during these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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