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RE: Updates This Term

Dear Parents & Carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday, we have begun to think about what the school re-opening arrangements might look like for Primrose Hill. We still have many questions that have not yet been answered. His announcement detailed that should the current trend of the falling infections and deaths related to Covid-19 continue, that Primary Schools will begin a phased return no earlier than the 1st of June.

The only detail included in the announcement was that the phased return would begin with Reception, Y1 and Y6 classes. What was missing was detail on how this will be implemented, and under what circumstances. Every school is going to have its own individual challenges in implementing any guidance the government gives us based on individual circumstances such as their staffing, classroom sizes, and building layout. Every school will need time to consider such practicalities. It is important we get it right, as we did with the lockdown.

Our initial plans are to admit Reception, Y1 and Y6 children at the beginning of June (date to be confirmed) in class groups of 15. The aim for other year groups beyond that will be guided by the Government advice.

In the meantime, let us continue to plan for every eventuality and I am sure you trust us to do what is right and safe for your children and our community. We will not rush into any decisions and will take on board all of the guidance we receive by both the Department for Education and Camden to come up with the best solution we can to support our school community.

One additional bit of information which I hope will bring you some cheeriness, is that due to the uncertainty of school provision both before and after the Summer Holidays, it has been mutually agreed with my new schools in Hackney, that I remain at Primrose Hill until Christmas. I feel this is the right thing to do to ensure stability for a new academic year and help the governors and Senior Leadership appoint a new Head Teacher. I am really glad to be staying on to lead the school through this turbulent time.

In the meantime, it is 'remote' business as usual.

Best wishes

Robin Warren
Head Teacher