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Re: Phased return of children to school

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Department for Education published a series of guidance documents yesterday, following the publication of the Prime Minister's recovery strategy. This includes 'Guidance for Parents and Carers' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

The Government want to get all children back into education as soon as the scientific advice allows because they believe it is the best place for them to learn, and because it is good for children's mental wellbeing to have social interactions with other children, carers and teachers.

From the week commencing Monday 1st June, **at the earliest**, Primary Schools will be asked to welcome back children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, alongside priority groups, which includes children whose parents are critical workers and identified pupils who are already attending school.

We are currently seeking advice, both at local and national level, to inform our planning for a phased return to school, putting children and all members of the school community's safety and wellbeing first, as our utmost priority. As you will appreciate, information and guidance is regularly updated, and we will keep you well-informed of any decisions and plans in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Woodcock
Headteacher



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