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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Sunday night and yesterday's detailed Department of Education Guidance we are now clearer about the direction of travel of the national government with regards reopening of schools.

The Government is anticipating that, from the week commencing 1 June 2020, schools will be able to welcome back more children. This is dependent on the five key tests set by government justifying the changes at the time, including that the rate of infection is decreasing and the enabling programmes set out in the Roadmap operating effectively.

As you will be aware, Bents Green has remained open to all children whose parents / carers are deemed by government to be 'Critical Key Workers' and also to those children who are supported by social care and those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans and 'looked after children'.

There are many details to be worked through with the Local Authority before Bents Green will be in a position to re-open more widely in a way we believe to be safe for **all** its staff and students. These include the fact that all "children with an education, health and care (EHC) plan will now require a risk assessment, carried out with educational providers and parents, to determine whether their needs can be as safely or more safely met in their educational environment".

I want to reassure you that the physical and emotional wellbeing of everyone at Bents Green is our main concern and all decision making will prioritise the health and safety of your child.

We thank you for your continued support. Please continue to stay safe.

Yours Sincerely

Sacha Schofield
Headteacher