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Dear Parents & Carers

PHASED COVID-19 RECOVERY STRATEGY: further information

Following on from my letter last week, I am writing to give you further information about our preparations to welcome children back on site in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**.

As I wrote last week, at the moment, we do not know a definite date for this return. We do know it will be no earlier than 1st June and we also know that we will be given 48 hours' notice beforehand.

As soon as we are given a final confirmation, we will issue all parents and carers with children in those year groups a survey to complete. We will ask you to confirm if you intend to send your child back to school and also to confirm that you have understood the protective measures we will undertake.

The government has acknowledged in its guidance that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. At the point they decide to bring more children back to early years and schools, they will have taken this into account and will be encouraging schools to focus on the following **four protective measures**:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- minimising contact and mixing
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings

In the FAQ attached to this letter, I have set out in detail how we will be implementing these protective measures which I hope will give you a full reassurance that we are doing everything we can to provide a welcoming learning environment for your child and lower the risk of transmission of the virus whilst they are on site. Please take time to read these through carefully and start to plan what this will mean for you and your child. If you have any ideas, or can see any possible problems, please let me know by emailing me directly at head@fairlands.herts.sch.uk.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6 or is registered for emergency childcare, you will receive a separate letter outlining the specific details for their return later today. All other children in Years 2 –5 will continue with their learning at home.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and also to thank all the staff at Fairlands for their hard work in finding a positive way through this challenging time.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that **we have made the decision that the school will be completely closed for the normal May Half Term from Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May**. We will not be providing home learning activities that week and we will not be offering emergency childcare on site.

Kindest regards

Robert Staples
Headteacher