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Friday, 15th May, 2020.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience regarding the proposed phased re-opening of schools from the 1st June.

Since the initial announcement, guidance, support, tool-kits and risk assessments have been released to schools to aid us all in this process. National directives have not been given as every school's situation differs significantly. The Government have also stressed that the phased re-opening of schools will differ from school to school, as well as, within and across local authorities and diocese.

Next Wednesday, 20th May, the senior leaders and representatives of the Governing Board will meet to personalise Wigan's Risk Assessment for the re-opening of schools. **We would like to include parents in this process** so if you have any risks that you would like us to consider, then please email these into school before midday, Tuesday, 19th May (this will allow me time to print them off ready for the meeting). Please read the FAQ attached to this week's newsletter before sending in your considerations.

During this meeting, we will be working mainly on the Government's Phase 1 (Rec, Y1 and Y6) plan ready to be **potentially open** from Monday, 1st June. We will also begin to formulate an initial plan for the proposed re-opening of school to other year groups, but this will not be in great depth as more guidance for this phase is expected. Plus, it allows for reflections to be made on how successful phase 1 has been. We will be looking at our current home learning provision, so that those children who are not in Phase 1 are not disadvantaged on their return to school. The Government are publishing more on this today. Please see the newsletter for more information.

The staff and children's safety and welfare (social and emotional) will be at the heart of all our plans. **We will only open, if it is safe to do so.** We appreciate that this is a difficult time for everyone. We are committed to making the children's return to school feel as familiar and secure as it previously felt to them.

Thank you once again for your patience and support in this matter. Don't forget to read the FAQ (I've not been able to cover everything but have tried to include the ones which are most pertinent).

Take care

Kind Regards

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