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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: PHASED RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS JUNE 2020

I thought it would be useful to provide you with a short update regarding the re-opening of schools to more children. This continues to be a very challenging time for us all but I would like to reassure you that the safety and well-being of our children, staff and families is our absolute key priority in all decisions we are currently making.

Documentation, information and new guidance from the Government, Solihull Local Authority and Unions regarding re-opening to specific groups of children (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) are issued to schools on a daily basis and are being updated at an incredible rate. As many of you will have seen, this has also been discussed and debated extensively in the news over the last few days. There is still great uncertainty and we are expecting more clarification over the coming weeks.

Please see the attached letter from Solihull Council which states:

"The government has set an ambition for more pupils to begin to return to school from the 1st June and they have been clear about the priority order of pupils. We anticipate that many schools will need to use that first week in June to ensure they are completely ready for more pupils to attend and some schools may not be able to offer additional places until the week beginning the 8th June."

I would like to confirm that, in line with Solihull Local Authority guidance, we will not be opening to any additional groups of children on the 1st June. We will be using that week to continue to work with all staff to make the required and very considerable changes to our school environment, curriculum and school routines in order to have everything in place for when children do return. We will provide further dates for specific groups of children to return to school as soon as we are able to do so but anticipate this would be from 8th June. Teachers will continue to ensure your child has access to learning through the website for the week beginning 1st June.

At George Fentham School we have already been working to draft extensive plans to look at how we can meet all of the expectations being placed upon us. Later this week we will be asking the parents and carers of those key year groups to indicate whether or not they will be sending their children back to school once plans are in place. To make this decision you will need as much information as possible which is why we are not asking you to make this decision just yet. We want to share with you what we know and not what we think we know to ensure that you have as much information as possible and are able to make an informed decision. Thank you for your understanding and patience at this time.

Sending my very best wishes to you and your families.

Mrs J Gaughan
Headteacher

