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Dear Florendine families

This information is specifically for the parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who have been selected as the first wave of pupils to return to school, but I feel it is important that all parents know of the decisions being made and the reasoning behind them.

As requested by central Government we have planned for re-opening the school to more pupils from the beginning of June. We have decided that we won't implement this plan until the **8th of June** at the earliest. Hopefully by then there will be a proven, effective track and trace procedure in place and we can welcome more pupils back with greater safety.

Recent scientific modelling has suggested that by delaying the return to school by a further two weeks the risk to children from Covid -19 would be halved.

Hopefully by this time we will have seen the rate of infection continue to fall, coupled with a continuing decline in the number of new cases both locally and nationally. If at any time prior to that, the situation changes again and there is a new rise in the infection rate following the easing of lockdown restrictions, we will once again reconsider this date- based on the most recent scientific evidence available.

There will shortly be forms available on our web-site for you to indicate whether your child will be returning then, then we can start to look at specific grouping and safe numbers prior to this new start date. (I will message when these are available).

We will continue to be open for the key worker children as we have throughout school closures.

I know how much the children want to start coming back to school and how important it is that they do but I must consider not just their safety upon return but that of our staff and the impact on the wider school community. Thank you for your continuing support during these difficult times. As always I will keep you updated with any new information as soon as possible.

Stay safe

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