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Dear Parent,

I hope you and your family are all safe and well. I am contacting you to follow on from the recent government announcement that, subject to the recorded cases of coronavirus across the country continuing to decline, we can bring Year 6 children into school from 1st June 2020. We have been asked to begin planning for that and the government will confirm that we have the green light at the end of this month.

To assist with the planning I need to know if your personal family circumstances may mean you prefer not to send your child in. I expect that most of Year 6 will be attending but I am aware that some parents might not want to send their child in for various reasons, such as concerns about a member of the family in a high risk group. If you have decided that your child will not return for June, or you are undecided but considering options, would you let me know; I will adjust the plans if we have a number of children not coming back into school and will endeavour to continue online lessons for them. Those in school will follow a slightly adjusted timetable and unless we have very small numbers returning, which I do not expect, will return to classroom teaching, not online.

For those returning and coming by car, there will be slightly staggered arrival and departure times to minimise contact and there will be additional hygiene measures in place which the children will be briefed on as they arrive. We are already operating social distancing measures, but will be implementing additional measures and guidance as there will be more in school than we currently have. You will be notified of the details of this before the 1st June.

I cannot set out more detailed information just yet as the question of numbers attending is the key information needed, so would you please reply to the email below to confirm one of the following:

1. That you intend to send your Year 6 child into school, subject to government confirmation that this will happen.
2. That you do not intend to send your Year 6 child into school in June for personal family reasons, in which case we will look to continue the online lessons but there may be a need for some adjustments.



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3. You are undecided at this stage, in which case would you indicate what is the key factor affecting your decision, as we may be able to offer some guidance.

Once we have clarity on numbers Mrs Owen and I will discuss and make the necessary adjustments so that we can set out to you the new arrangements before your child returns.

Please reply to school.secretary@ellesmere.com

Kind regards,

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