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Asalamualikum warahmatulahi wabarakatuhu,

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well and that the slight easing in lockdown will provide you will a few more opportunities to get out and about. As you may be aware, the Prime Minister has announced the next steps for schools on Sunday evening.

So far Pre-School has also been added to the group of children that are allowed into education having initially been omitted from his address that stated Reception, Y1 and Y6 pupils should start first. In the written detail it said “the government’s ambition is for all primary school children to return to school before the Summer for a month if feasible, though this will be kept under review.”

The Leadership team and I are currently planning for a wider opening but as you can imagine this is not straightforward. It is not going to be possible just to return to normal. Many of our children will be fine but some will feel anxious about returning. In addition to this some families will have ongoing issues at home whether it be shielding letters, work issues, concerns about grandparents or siblings who are still at home. It may be useful for you to read the following guidance document that was issued by the Government.

[Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers](#)

To help us have the best possible restart, we will be making the following considerations when planning for the wider opening of the school. We will:

1. Base any decisions on the safety and best interests of our pupils and staff.
2. Be guided by the layout, limitations and spaces available within our school.
3. Be aware of, and do our best to adapt to, the challenges each family face.
4. Prioritise the wellbeing and emotional development of all pupils whilst also providing English maths and Islamic sciences lessons daily.
5. Prioritise transition arrangements (where possible) that are in place for each year group.
6. To possibly adapt into partial schooling for the month of June and July to enable a safe social distancing strategy for children whilst in the school premises.

Leadership are discussing point no 6 as a potential strategy to allow the best case scenario in maintaining strict health and safety for all and keeping teaching in line. The following has been proposed:

- Each class will hold no more than 15 pupils
- Pupil to sit on 1 table per child
- Outdoor play will be staggered and in set groups that will be monitored carefully
- Congregations salah and catered lunch will be suspended until end of July.

I am hoping that during next few days, I will be able to provide you with much greater detail of how the wider opening of school will look at Evergreen and share with you all the plans. This is incredibly complex.

Our staff have worked exceptionally hard over the last seven weeks and one thing that has helped enormously is the support you have shown them and all the lovely messages and emails they have received from you. Thank you very much for this, it has made a huge difference and is really appreciated may Allah reward you all.

As we move into the next phase please continue to be patient with us and remember us in your dua's. We are all in uncharted territory, but I hope you know we will always do our very best for the children in our care.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Zara Rahman
