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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Following on from the letter I sent last week, I am writing to notify you of some key points regarding the **potential** phased return of our Year 6 children.

Before I detail the school's draft plan, I want to reiterate the following:

**If the Government's recommendations for children to return to school do proceed (you will note at the time of sharing this letter with you, the Department for Education and Teaching unions are not in alignment), the intention for Upton will be to organise the reopening of the school in a very measured, very cautious manner. The physical and mental wellbeing of our children, staff, families and the wider community will unequivocally be at the forefront of the plans made.**

Upton will reopen its doors with the following in mind:

- Year 6 children will begin to integrate back to school during Term 6.
- We will be enforcing the 2m social distancing rule with the children *as much as possible*.
- The children will be in a class with up to 12 other children.
- To minimise the threat of the virus spreading, the children will not be able to socialise with other children from different groups but will remain within their 'group' for the duration of their time at school.
- The children will be seated on an individual table throughout the day.
- The children will not necessarily be with their usual class teacher. We will be using all **available** Upton staff to lead the classes of children.
- Arrival and departure from school will be staggered with a shorter school day.
- Children will be expected to wear a set of clean home clothes every day to minimise contamination.
- One to one support will not be possible.
- Parents/ carers will not be allowed into the school. All communication will need to be via telephone or email.
- Children will need to be collected by an adult at the end of their session.

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- There will not be any extra-curricular activities taking place - this includes Breakfast club or After-School Club

I understand opinion will be mixed and I am not expecting everyone to agree with our decisions, but please understand, we have made them for the **safety and wellbeing of all concerned**.

In order to assist with further planning for the potential reopening, I ask if **you are a parent of a Year 6 child** that you complete the Key Survey form below by Wednesday 20th June. The survey simply asks you to let us know whether you are planning on sending your child back to school. Having a guide to the number of Year 6 children likely to return will enable us to organise groupings and set up appropriate learning environments.

Please note: your response on the survey is not a final commitment and we appreciate you may still be undecided at this moment (there is a 'maybe' box for you to select)

To access the Parent Survey please click [here](#) (it has also been sent via MCAS on a separate link)

I would like to reiterate that the decision over your child returning at any time is 100% your choice and we will fully support your decision.

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Arthur