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Dear Parents and Carers,

13th May 2020

I am writing to give you a brief update on the next steps for Smith's Wood Primary school, following the Government' announcement on Sunday 10th May, to begin planning for a re-opening of schools from the 1st June 2020.

As you may have read in the news, primary schools are being asked to prepare to reopen their doors, from the 1st June, for the following year groups; Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

This proposed reopening is subject to a review of the facts and figures, relating to Covid-19, over the next few weeks, however, as directed, we are starting to plan for the school to begin a phased reopening, from the 1st June.

Some of the planned measures we are currently looking to implement, should we reopen on the 1st June include:

- Small class sizes, with a maximum of 10 pupils in a class. Pupils will be taught by a member of staff, with whom they are familiar, which should help to ease the anxiety for some pupils
- Staggered start and finish times at the beginning and end of the day, to reduce the number of people on the school site
- Staggered lunch and break times, to ensure that we are able to allow pupils to eat and play, with comfortable space around them
- Increased hand washing provision and sanitisation in classrooms and also at key points around the school

Whilst we know that this may bring anxiety to some parents, please rest assured that the school will do all it can to ensure that your child is safe whilst they are in school. As more guidance is issued, the plans for the reopening of the school will evolve.

I appreciate that this is a concerning time for you all, as parents and if you wish to call and speak to a member of school staff, who may be able to alleviate any of your concerns, then please feel free to do so. Alternatively, you can email the school office and someone will provide a response to any queries you may have.

I will write to update you as and when I have received more guidance, but in the meantime, I thank you for your support for both the school and your pupils during the period of closure.

Kind regards,

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