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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience while we waited for further information on reopening schools – the government has now published more guidance, and we wanted to share what we know so far.

To recap, **if** the government thinks it is safe, schools will reopen from 1st June to Reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils. It is important that parents/carers and pupils understand that it is highly unlikely that all children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be asked back into school in a full time capacity on the 1st June. The most likely outcome is that these pupils will have some opportunity to **attend school on certain days** of the week to work with staff. This will all be determined by guidance set out by the government, staffing numbers and the size of our school building to ensure we are protecting lives. We are desperately trying to avoid rushing into making decisions, which we later regret.

We are conducting a detailed review of our site and this will assist us with our plans and risk assessments. This will enable us to plan welcoming some pupils and staff back into school and ensure we can support hygiene and social distancing measures.

We are desperate to have the children back and continue in the Fairway way. It is important to recognise that Fairway will not look like it used to. School will be a different place and it is important that you begin to talk to your children about this. Outlined below are some of the precautions we will be taking:

- Limiting class sizes
- Creating 'bubble' groups to minimise mixing
- Staggering drop off and pick up times, break times and lunchtimes
- Increasing cleaning
- Ensuring that pupils and staff with symptoms isolate at home

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.



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Clearly we all share the view that it will be positive for children to be back in school, but this has to be when schools are and you as parents are reassured that this will be safe. This is why the government is encouraging parents to support the phased return to school, but they have confirmed that attendance is not compulsory at this time: you know what is best for your child's health and wellbeing.

Please be reminded that in the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers at the Albert Bradbeer site. Until we are told it is safe to do so, we are unable to provide places for other children.

We will keep you updated once we know more about when the school will be able to reopen for other year groups. For pupils at home, we will continue to support you and your child with home learning, and meal support for those eligible.

In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns then please contact [enquiry@fairwayprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@fairwayprimary.co.uk)

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Yours sincerely

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