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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will know, primary schools across the country have been asked to start preparing to re-open from 1st June 2020 for F1, F2, Y1 and Y6 in addition to the Key Workers' children who will still be attending school on a daily basis.

Since the Prime Minister's announcement, I have been carrying out careful risk assessments of the school and looking into the scientific research behind the government's decision. I have also asked parents of these year groups for their feelings about their children returning to school on 1st June.

I have made the very difficult decision to inform you that Woodbridge Primary School will not be able to open on 1st June to any children beyond our current 'Key Worker' provision. This decision is supported by the Governing Body.

However, I will be closely monitoring the scientific research provided by the government to support their decision for re-opening schools (which has not yet been made available to the public) and the availability and efficacy of 'Test and Trace' systems across the country. When we have a clearer understanding of the questions below, I will start to initiate a staggered and measured return to school.

- 1) Do children play a role in transmission to adults?
- 2) Are children at risk from infection and is the Kawasaki disease related to COVID-19?
- 3) If children are at risk from infection, is it now proven that they will be less severely impacted than adults? *N.B. there is high scientific confidence which suggests this is the case.*
- 4) Do I have enough available staff after taking into account those shielding or social-distancing to protect clinically vulnerable members of their households?

Our key priorities during this crisis remain the safety of everyone in our community and support for our Key Workers and vulnerable families.

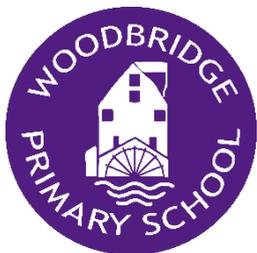
We want to help any Key Workers who would like to access our provision, even if they have not done so before. We will soon be in touch to let you know how to do this.

We have made careful provision to ensure that our vulnerable families are being looked after and we feel confident that strong social care is being provided by the school and the government.

I am also keenly aware that our Y6 pupils and families will feel a sense of loss if they are unable to have some 'closure' on their time at WPS. I am not completely ruling out a return to school before the end of this term but, if this were the case, we would explore other ways to achieve an appropriate ending to their time with us and to help with their transition to their chosen high school.

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Please rest assured that we can't wait for the time when we can safely welcome all of the children, staff and parents back to school. Until then, we will continue to monitor developments and make any necessary adjustments to our provision.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Krisson

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