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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are safe and managing to enjoy some of the beautiful weather we are blessed with.

You will be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday about the easing of lockdown arrangements from 4th July 2020 and in particular what this may mean for our current arrangements for school provision.

We are awaiting further guidance to be released by the Government and Department for Education which will assist us with our arrangements from this date. However, it is unlikely that we will be in a position to extend our opening to any further year groups before the end of this academic year.

Although many schools have been able to welcome more year groups of children this is because each school has different circumstances. If schools have a very low uptake of children returning or a low number of key worker children attending, it means they are able to invite other year groups. At St Paul's we have a high number of key worker children attending every day and also a high uptake of Y6 and Reception pupils. In addition, we have limited space in school due to the size of our building which restricts how many children we can have in school due to the current social distancing regulations.

Even when the social distancing distance is reduced to 1 metre when it cannot be 2 metres, our classes can still not operate to capacity. I appreciate that this is disappointing and also concerning as children have missed many months at school. Although we have ensured that learning can continue at home, we know that this is not the same as being at school.

Over the coming weeks we will be in contact with you to discuss arrangements for September based on the guidance we receive. We are currently discussing transition arrangements, especially for our youngest children who will be joining our Reception class. Equally however, transition into a new year group is a big step for any child so we want to reassure you that this will be managed carefully. As soon as we are able to share our arrangements, we will.

In the meantime, as always, I thank you for your patience and understanding. Please do continue to ensure that your child is accessing their Seesaw learning platform if they are not in school. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 should now also have submitted their comment to their teacher ready for their end of year report.

I will continue to keep you informed of future developments. I also continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

Yours sincerely

S. Sinclair

Head teacher

