



# Stapleford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that your families are all safe and well.

I'm sure after the Prime Minister's statement regarding the reopening of schools that there are lots of questions you have. I have many questions that need clarification too before I can open the school and I am currently working through these.

The current situation is that we will continue to provide schooling for pupils whose parents work is critical to the COVID-19 response and for those pupils who are deemed to be vulnerable. The message for now is still that it is safer to stay at home.

The Prime Minister has said that if the Government's 5 criteria are met, they are expecting schools to open for children in YR and Y1 and in Y6 on 1<sup>st</sup> June. The Government has also published a document which states that their "ambition is for all primary school children to return to school before the summer for a month if feasible, though this will be kept under review."

The Department of Education has gone further today and published a document which states that *"From the week commencing 1st June, the Government are asking:*

- *nurseries and other early year providers, including childminders, to begin welcoming back all children*
- *primary schools to welcome back children in nursery (where they have them), reception, year 1 and year 6"*

The Department of Education released several documents this morning outlining what needs to be in place in order for the school to open. I am currently working through these risk assessments and actions to formulate a plan for a safe return. I will communicate how the school will reopen when I have the answers and assurances I need and I am happy that it is indeed safe to do so.

Our plan for now is to continue to provide home learning activities for as long as we have pupils that are unable to attend school.

Everyone here at Stapleford Primary School is committed to supporting our staff, pupils and their families so that they are able to return to school safely.

Your sincerely

James Shillito

**Headteacher**