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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

As I am sure you are aware, on Sunday evening the Prime Minister outlined his initial plan to move our country back to some level of normality. One of the challenges that schools face is how best to interpret what is said by the Government without any precise detail or guidance. The Department for Education published guidance for schools that detailed the expectations for schools. The links to these documents are included for you below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wideropening-from-1-june-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-educationand-childcare-settings>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Alongside the proposed return for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in the coming weeks, school will remain open for pupils of parents who have evidence of being Key Workers. Please continue to notify office@stmarysrcmidd.rochdale.sch.uk if you have no other choice but to send your child into school. Please can I ask that you provide as much notice as possible.

I will continue to update you as we receive further instruction from the DfE, local authority and Diocese on our on-going plans in school. Thank you for your kind words of support during this difficult time. Our priority currently remains the safety and well-being of every member of our school community.

Please stay safe and well, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Geddis

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