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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

I am again writing to you to keep you updated with developments in school. As I am sure you are aware there continues to be discussions nationally on the best way to reopen schools. From the perspective of St. Mary's, we are proceeding with some level of caution until we are satisfied that appropriate measures are in place to safeguard the health of wellbeing of everyone.

I hope you can appreciate the complexity of planning for any kind of return. Last week alone, the Department for Education issued to schools a further comprehensive suite of documents. We are in the process of personally telephoning all parents of pupils in Year 6, Year 1 and Reception to ascertain numbers of pupils returning. We are also awaiting union recommendations to ascertain which staff will be available to return. We are modifying many of our policies to ensure they are COVID compliant. When our pupils do return we will need to insist on precise routines to ensure their safety.

As next Monday is a Bank Holiday, school will be closed to everyone. We will be reopening to key worker children on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. However, we will be closed to everyone the week beginning Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June to allow staff to prepare the school site for social distancing.

School will initially reopen to pupils in Year 6 and Year 1 on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please note that it is not compulsory. A letter will be sent out to all parents of pupils in Year 6 and Year 1 outlining how this will work. Please can I ask for your patience whilst we plan for this? I very much appreciate your support during these difficult times.

Our priority 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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