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Dear parents,

I hope you and your family are well and staying safe. I am writing to you with updated information about the planned return to school for children in reception, year 1 and year 6.

This afternoon Derbyshire County Council have issued guidance to schools on the planned return of these children. The approach by Derbyshire, after consultation with the Department for Education is now a phased return. Phase 1, from 1st of June, will be for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. Heath Fields has been open to these children for the past eight weeks.

Phase 2 'is likely to be the phase when most schools are able to increase the number of children coming back to schools from the key year groups as identified by the government' – years reception, one and six. We have been told that there has been no date set for phase 2 as Derbyshire are 'waiting for further detailed guidance from the DfE on early years, SEND and secondary phases of education.'

This means that the planned return of some children, in reception, year 1 and year 6, to Heath Fields Primary School from the 8th of June will now be postponed. This will be until Derbyshire County Council inform us of a date to start phase 2.

I apologise for this delay. Please be assured I share your frustrations and annoyance, as we have worked hard to prepare for children returning. However things are in place and ready for when a date is set.

Derbyshire are working hard to ensure schools are safe for children to return.

As soon as I have further information I will share it with you. I hope you have a good weekend and half term week.

Regards,

Mark Whyman

