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Dear Parents and Carers,

In an attempt to keep you all in the loop, I felt it important that I write this letter explaining our position regarding the possibility of some children returning to school in the near future.

I wrote to you all on Sunday evening and explained that we will be working hard to prepare for an eventual return of some children but I also explained that we have the safety of KEPS children as our top priority regardless of any guidance issued to us.

We only received guidance about a possible school return on Monday 11th May and we expect further support from our local authority soon. You should however be reassured by the fact that myself and other leaders of our school have already planned for a partial return by producing comprehensive documents including extensive risk assessments and planning documents in preparation for any such return.

These plans have been shared with the local authority, governors and all staff. We are also consulting with other professional bodies and schools to ensure that our decisions and plans are as thorough and well-constructed as they possibly can be. This way, I feel parents can be more confident about sending their children to our school if we invite them to do so. We have worked around the clock and acted very swiftly to produce such documents.

Understandably, parents may feel frustrated that they are required to wait but please understand that we are working as quickly as possible to provide solutions in a practical and timely fashion so that you are able to make well informed choices when the time comes.

You may ask why I haven't sent any survey out yet asking parents about their thoughts on returning to school. The simple reason for this is that parents do not yet know what they are voting for. Only after parents have an awareness of how we aim to teach specific children in our setting, will they be able to decide if they want to send their children into school. We will be sending surveys out to parents after our plans are published. This is likely to be in the early part of next week - after our consultation has ended.

While all of us will have many questions, I want to finish by reminding everyone that nothing will change immediately. King Edwin Primary School will continue to offer comprehensive remote learning provision and care for the children of critical workers and vulnerable families.

Hopefully this reassures parents for the short term at least and that you can rest easy knowing that we are treating the prospect of starting back on June the 1st with the highest degree of care and consideration.

Please take care and stay safe KingEdwinners.

Kind regards,
Mr Callaghan-Wetton

