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Dear Parents and Carers

In the past few days, the government have changed their plans for the phased return of primary school aged children. In a statement made yesterday in the House of Commons the Secretary of State for Education said that 'while we are not able to welcome all primary children back for a full month before the summer, we are working with the sector on the next steps to allow schools that have the capacity to bring back more children in smaller class sizes to do so before the summer holidays. We will provide further details in the coming days.'

Cam Woodfield Junior School and Berkeley Primary School will therefore continue their current provision for YR, Y1 and Y6 children until further notice. Once the Department for Education (DfE) provide further 'next steps' we will consider them in the light of the specific context of our schools to determine whether our provision can be changed or extended. As previously, we will need to consider the staffing, geographical layout, classroom and corridor sizes of each site. Our plans will be based on a common sense approach, providing effective education provision whilst maintaining health and safety for our staff and young people.

Alongside YR, Y1 and Y6, we will also continue to provide in-school support for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers as a priority. Please be aware of government guidance on who is considered a critical worker:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

Social distancing means that there is a significant lack of space at both schools and they have a process of verifying critical worker status and will ask you to provide appropriate evidence. I am sure you will understand that this is necessary to protect the spaces for qualifying children and to protect the provision for the other year groups currently in school, which will need to be reduced as numbers of critical worker children rise.

In the meantime, please stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back fully to our schools in due course.

Yours sincerely

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