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Dear Parents/Carers

Possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

I know you will have seen in the news and watched the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday that schools may reopen on 1 June to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils **if** the government thinks it is safe to do so based on scientific evidence. This is obviously based on the primary and secondary model of the majority of schools in the UK and does not take into account the 3 tier system that works so well for us in the Cheddar Valley.

We are waiting for further guidance and clarification from the government and local authority right now, which will hopefully help us finalise our action plan for our phased reopening. We are also discussing this with our partners in the Wessex Learning Trust to ensure it supports the needs of our communities in the very best way. I will share this with you as soon as possible, so that you know what the reopening of Fairlands will look like in practice.

It is a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure we are ready to receive pupils when and if it is safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks.

I am not planning on pressuring anyone to send their child/children to school, since you know your child/children and personal situation best. I recognise that many of our families are isolating or shielding in order to protect loved ones. I will keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision, when I am able to do so.

In the meantime, the school is still closed and open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we are not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

I would like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home during this crisis. We will need to keep going with this system for a while yet, so please do continue to do what you can and stay in touch with us about how your child is doing.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility.

If you are worried about any child please make an appointment to see either Helen Heffernan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Robert Cooling, Felicity Grant, Sally Virgin, Designated Safeguarding Deputies
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224