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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that you heard Prime Minister Boris Johnson address the nation on 10th May. In relation to schools, he announced that after half term, it **may** be possible for “Reception and Year 1” children to begin to return to school.

On 11th May, the Department for Education published information to enable schools to begin planning for June. I would like to share the following Government information with parents/carers:

1. We must continue to prioritise **Vulnerable Children** for school places – children with Social Workers and children with Education, Health and Care Plans.
2. We must continue to support **Children of Key Workers**.
3. As an Infant School, we must begin by welcoming back **Nursery Children** in June.
4. As an Infant School, we must **then** welcome back **Reception Children** in June.

Infant Schools are NOT expected to welcome back Year 1 children in June. We are expected to prioritise children in the Early Years Foundation Stage (children in our Nursery and children in our three Reception classes).

Children in Key Stage 1 (children in Year 1 and children in Year 2) are expected to continue staying at home accessing home learning with our remote support.

Not all the children in Nursery and Reception will return to school on Monday 1st June. This would not be safe for our school community. I would like to share the following Government information with parents/carers:

- We must **gradually** increase the number of children in school.
- We must reduce the number of children in classrooms. **Classes need to be split into groups of no more than 15.** Your child may not be in their usual classroom. Your child may not be with their usual teacher. Your child will be allocated a classroom and a teacher and/or Teaching Assistant.
- Children can only mix in a small, consistent group that stays away from other people and groups.
- Drop-off and collection times will be staggered to reduce the number of people moving around on site at any one time. **Each class will have a different start and finish time.** Parents/carers should not come on site earlier than the allotted time. Your child may need to use a different entrance and exit door.
- **Children should be brought to school by no more than 1 adult.**

- **Parents/carers must not gather at doors or enter the building.**
- **Children should not bring anything to school** other than their coat and a sun hat. No bags, no PE bags and no bookbags.

In Nursery, we have **39** children. The Nursery children will need to be split into 3 groups of 13 children and 3 classrooms will be required.

In Reception, we have **90** children in 3 classes. Each class of 30 children will need to be split into 2 groups of 15 children and 6 classrooms will be required.

To continue supporting vulnerable children and children of key workers, we will need at least 2 classrooms.

To welcome back all our Nursery and Reception classes, we will need to use 9 classrooms. We simply do not have enough classrooms to have all these priority children in school at the same time. As Senior Leaders, we are currently planning what we will be able to offer our families in June.

The safety of children and staff is our utmost priority. Our offer is dependent on having enough staff able to attend work. Some staff have no other option but to drop off and collect their own children and will need to attend school late and leave school early. Key Stage 1 teachers will need to continue engaging with their children at home – setting home learning challenges and providing feedback to families via email.

We are not able to run our Breakfast Club or After School Club during June.

Children who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to a pre-existing medical condition have been advised to shield. These children should not attend school.

Children who are clinically vulnerable should follow medical advice.

If a child lives with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, they should only attend school if they are able to understand and follow stringent social distancing.

Children must not attend school if anyone in the household has Coronavirus symptoms. Children will be sent home if they develop Coronavirus symptoms during the school day and the household should remain in isolation for 14 days.

Parents and carers on site must always respect social distancing, keeping 2 metres apart.

If parents and carers are key workers and wish to be considered for a school place in June, they must email the school by **Monday 18th May**. leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch. If you miss the deadline for a place, you may not be offered a place.

Senior Leaders are working on our provisional June offer for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Plans are subject to staff, Governor and Local Authority consultation. Information for parents and carers will follow by the beginning of next week.

I hope that this letter has provided you with clarification. Our youngest children will be invited back to school gradually during June, if the Government confirms that it is safe for us to proceed with this plan.

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Kind Regards

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