

12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear parents/carers,

**Re: possible reopening of school to more pupils in June**

I am sure that many of you will have seen in the news that schools **may** reopen on 1<sup>st</sup> June to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils **if** the government thinks it is safe then.

We are waiting for further guidance and clarification from the government, which will help us create an action plan for our phased reopening. We will share this with you as soon as possible so you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice.

Although all of us at Branfil want to get our pupils back into school as soon as it is safe to do so, the key word here is **safe**. As a Headteacher, my first and foremost priority has to be the safety of **everyone** in the school community.

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

However, we are also not going to be pressuring anyone to send their child to school, since you know your child and personal situation best. We 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.

In the meantime, the school is still 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.

We would like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We will need to keep going with this 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.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sansom  
Headteacher