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Dear Parents and Carers,

Increasing amounts of information are now available about the possible re opening of schools. In order to avoid information overload for families, I will try to share the parts of the guidance most important to families along with information about our specific plans for Tang Hall Primary School.

For ease of reference I have included links to the key government documents below of which the third is aimed specifically for parents and carers.

Covid 19 government recovery strategy

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy>

Actions for educational and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

For Tang Hall Primary School, the key part of the guidance states that:

From the week commencing 1 June, we are asking:

- primary schools to welcome back children in nursery (where they have them), reception, year 1 and year 6
- all schools and childcare providers to continue to offer places to the priority groups – vulnerable children and children of critical workers – they have been supporting since the end of March

Whilst we have been planning for a number of weeks in terms of what a return to school might look like we are now in a position to plan more intensely. The three key elements to this are:

1. Ensuring that school is as safe as it can possibly be before staff and any pupils return.

Everybody counts; every moment matters

We will comply with all national guidance and will be transparent with staff and parents in terms of all we have and will continue to do in this regard. We understand that some people will be have real anxieties and we will do everything we can to alleviate these.

2. Developing the best possible recovery curriculum for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils so that they can safely return to school and have the necessary opportunities, support and time to adjust to the changed environment they are learning in.

3. Understanding that many of our pupils (those in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5) we will not see for a longer period of time and they will still need our support with their wellbeing and home learning opportunities.

In the coming days, I think it will be helpful if I focus my feedback to you all on these three areas. I hope families will find this useful and it will bring the best clarity for the changes that lay ahead.

As always, the staff team is available daily, Monday to Friday, on 01904 555271 and school can also be contactable via the email address: office@tanghall.pmat.academy which is checked daily during the week.

Take care, stay safe and I will be in touch as soon as further plans have been confirmed.

Yours faithfully,

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