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Dear Parent/Carer,

Earlier this week, we updated you regarding our plans for the wider opening of school, starting with Y6 returning on Monday 8th June. Following the Government's announcement last night, regarding schools re-opening to more pupils, we have received the following statement from Councillor Abtislam Mohamed, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills at Sheffield City Council:

'We have been advised by the Sheffield Director of Public Health, Greg Fell, who has reviewed the local position and he does not feel assured that the recently announced 'Test and Trace' programme will be sufficiently well-established and robust enough to be in place for 1st June. He has advised that the Test and Trace system should be in place and working effectively for 14 days before schools and nurseries begin increasing their numbers.'

*Whilst nationally, the Government is requesting that schools and nurseries start to increase the number of pupils attending over the coming weeks, in light of the Sheffield Public Health advice **we do not yet feel assured** that it is the right time and are advising our schools and nurseries to delay increasing numbers until the **15th June 2020.**'*

Although we already had plans in place, as a result of this announcement we will have to delay re-opening for our Y6 pupils until **Monday 15th June**. We understand that many Y6 pupils are excited to return to school and that this will be a disappointment to them but our priority must always be ensuring the safety of our children and staff, in this case by following instructions passed to us by Sheffield City Council. We will be in touch with Y6 parents later today to share more information what school will be like when Y6 pupils return – a number of changes have been made in school for everyone's safety which parents and children alike need to be aware of.

We are aware that this later date of return for Y6 pupils will have an impact upon our plans for school re-opening for children in Y3, Y4 and Y5. We still hope there will be the opportunity for children in these year groups to return to school before the summer holidays, but at the moment we can only reassure you that we will keep you informed and update you as soon as we have any more definite plans.

Many thanks for your continued patience and support in these unusual times,

Mrs S Gaymond

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