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Dear Parent/Carer

Update 11th May

Good morning everyone. I'm sure many of you saw the Prime Minister's briefing last night, or have seen some media coverage about it. This raised more questions than answers for me but I will attempt to share the Wibsey position as we stand, but also to be frank and honest and share where **we do not have an answer or are awaiting further information.**

School may not open on the 1st June to the year groups the Prime Minister identified. The Government have been clear that health and infection statistics would have to be right for this to happen. Lots of other factors would need to be taken into account about staff and pupil safety.

The Government has, of this morning, not issued schools or myself with any guidance on how we might safely make reopening work. This should come later and will need digesting by the LA and school leaders before decisions are taken.

Childcare at Wibsey remains only for current registered children over the next 2 weeks – so for the vulnerable or for previously identified key worker children. Childcare will not be open to families where a parent is now returning to work, for example in a factory or on a construction site. You may face pressure from employers to return to work and I understand the pressures around this - but the guidance remains as is.

Pupil and staff safety will be paramount. We are struggling maintaining any form of social distancing with the limited children we have in childcare. We have 180 children in YR and 1. If I use an example we think about keeping 4 year olds 2 metres away from each other and staff you will sense the questions I am asking and the challenges we face. **There is no quick and easy solution.**

As soon as I am able to update you further I will do so. Times have if anything just got trickier – and the messages from the Government even more mixed.

Stay safe

Nigel Cooper

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