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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I have to say that in over 20 years of teaching, and through all of the changes I have witnessed at Glascote Academy formerly Glascote Heath Primary, this is indeed the hardest thing that I have ever had to face, but knowing that the school has your support makes it much more bearable. The staff and I sincerely thank you all for your support and kind messages during our time of enforced partial closure.

Following the news from the Government that schools are to re-open to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils from 1st June, myself and senior leaders are working through different scenarios and potential plans to ensure that we follow the government directive whilst trying to keep everyone as safe as possible.

As we also have to maintain places for children of Key Workers and our most vulnerable children, any potential plan may involve staggered times for arrival and collection, split classes to enable no more than 15 children in a group, staggered break and lunchtimes, and very different working patterns for the staff and children involved. Plans may also involve classes rotating meaning a week in/week out approach to help us maximise chances of maintaining social distancing – although we also acknowledge that this may be an impossible task with younger children.

I know that you will all have very different circumstances as well as differing views and concerns regarding how safe it is for your child to return to school. Feel assured that whatever decision you make we will not judge you. Furthermore, the Government have made it very clear that fines or penalties for non-attendance will not be issued until further notice.

Please note that we will **not** be running breakfast club or after school clubs when we return on the 1st June – this will be reviewed and will be reinstated once we know it is safe for more children to attend.

We have also made the decision to close for the week of the May Whitsun holiday to allow us to prepare for children to return on the 1st June, although school will be open for allocated time slots for collection of Free School Meal Food parcels on Tuesday 26th May.

I will contact parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 with precise details, procedures and protocols once final decisions have been made.

Thank you for your continued understanding, patience and support. The children's safety as well as the safety of our staff and the wider community will always be our priority.

Stay safe and look after each other.

Miss Michelle Powell

Headteacher