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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support, patience and understanding throughout this very challenging time – I have been overwhelmed by the tenacity and resilience from so many in our school.

As you will be aware, the Government have announced their plans for the **possible** phased re-opening of schools, from 1st June at the earliest, for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The Government has said there are five tests that need to be met if the restrictions are to be eased and so the position may well change. However, we are planning on the basis

that these five tests will be met. I hope the information below, as it stands now relating to schools across England and therefore your child's education at Lessness Heath Primary, is helpful.

The process of re-opening schools, even for a limited number of year groups, is a challenging task, so I write to you to ensure you remain fully informed each step of the way during this time. It is important to me that parents have the information they need to make an informed decision for their children.

My absolute priority is always the health, safety and wellbeing of our whole school community, and this has of course been central in planning for the proposed phased re-opening of the school.

In the below I have set out:

- The main challenges we will face in reopening
- The measures we are taking as a school to keep children, parents and staff safe
- A provisional idea of what schooling may be like from 1st June, **if** the Government goes ahead with the opening of schools
- Additional changes which will effect year 6

During this period of uncertainty, some areas are still subject to change and we ask for your continued patience during this time. Please be assured that we will continue to keep you informed as quickly as possible as new guidance from the Government is released.



I hope this will clarify our approach and thoughts going forward, despite the high volume of information it contains. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact admin@lessnessheath.bexley.sch.uk and your email will be sent to a member of SLT.

Again, I would just like to reiterate that I take very seriously the responsibility of the health and safety of our school community, so I must be measured and careful with my actions at this time. Our top priority as a school strongly remains the safety of our children, families and staff.

Finally, I wanted to let you know how proud I have been of the pupils over the last few weeks. Whether they are among the small numbers who have been in school or, like most, they have been at home; I know that they have been a credit to themselves. A number of you have been kind enough to tell me how they are getting on, and what learning they have been doing, and of course I get updates from our staff.

I do enjoy hearing what they are doing, so please do keep letting me know and please keep encouraging them to keep up with their learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate O'Connor

Headteacher