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**'a small school with a big heart'**

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Dear Parents

You may be aware of the government plans to reopen schools in June to the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 only. The children of key workers and children with an EHC Plan can now also attend school even if they have a parent at home.

At the moment there is much discussion regarding the timing of this opening in June and a joint teaching and non-teaching union statement has advised the government "to step back" in its decision to open schools on this date until further reassurances about health and safety can be sought. We understand that the government will make a further announcement on this next Thursday 28th May.

With this in mind we at St Mary's have been working towards putting into place provisional plans for the gradual reopening of school with the health and safety of the children and staff as the highest priority.

In addition to this the governors are carefully considering these plans to ensure that they meet our legal requirements and the health and safety of all concerned.

As you can imagine this requires very careful consideration and planning from the staff and governors to make sure that we are ready for the gradual reopening of our school.

Therefore, we will inform you about this once we have heard the government announcement and we can make a more fully informed decision.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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