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Dear Parents

### Wider reopening of schools

Following the government announcement that Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 pupils may not be returning to school before the end of the academic year, I am now planning the final four weeks here at Bussage and what we may be able to provide.

We have been operating under the current arrangements for nearly two weeks now and we have had very positive feedback. If you are a parent in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, and have not yet made a decision on whether to return your child to school, I am appealing to you to make a final decision, so that I can plan the rest of the term. If you would like to take up the offer of a place in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 I am asking you to inform us by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June midday** to decide whether you intend your child to start back on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. If we have not heard from you by that time, we will plan the rest of the term accordingly.

If you do decide to take up a place, you will be informed on Friday afternoon by phone, the group that your child is in. I am extremely grateful to the vast majority of parents who have accepted that we cannot enter into requests for "this child being with that child". The current logistics are tricky enough, so thank you again for your understanding in this. Just about every teaching resource at my disposal is providing full time teaching to these year groups, together with the children of Key Workers. They are also providing work for those year groups who are not in the fortunate position to be offered a return to school. Therefore, from next week, the home support for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will mainly surround pointing parents to BBC online learning and other online resources.

I hope you appreciate the need for us to start to put plans in place. I once again want to reiterate that the guidance is very clear that parents choosing not to send their child back at this time will not be penalised. I also want to stress that I completely respect and support your decision whilst feeling strongly that the time is now for that decision to be made.

Kind regards

A Ferguson

Head Teacher

