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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. Thank you for sharing the work you have been doing at home via the new school emails. I know that staff are enjoying catching up with the things your children have been doing. So thank you for that.

I am writing to update you on the current situation and the conditional plans for schools opening to more children from early June. Yesterday I sent out a letter from the authority, which set out the Council's position. Along with this letter today, I have sent out a joint response from the Southport Learning Partnership, which consists of all the primary and secondary schools in Southport. Both these letters include information in reference to government and scientific guidance.

My letter to you, today is to set out our intention for after the half-term break. I have developed a reopening plan over the past couple of weeks in consultation with all staff members and feedback from a parental survey for parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y6. It has been given to governors to consider and they have supported the plan in principle, yesterday via a full governing body meeting on Teams. The decision has been made to delay a start date for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 until Monday 15th June 2020 at the earliest, but **ONLY IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.**

As we move towards the 15th June, we will constantly be reviewing all guidance and information to satisfy the robust plans we have in place ensure the health and safety of pupils and staff and:

- Review the scientific date in regard to a decline in cases
- Continue with school preparations for a phased re-opening. Including the delivery of essential PPE, lesson planning; deep cleaning; physical changes in the school;
- Further expected refinements and detail in government guidance.

Week commencing	
25 th May	Half-term school is closed.
1 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will be open only to the children of key workers and vulnerable children who have been attending for the past 9 weeks. School uniform is to be worn (summer or winter) no ties, but children can wear trainers. • Teachers of Reception, Y1 and Y6 children will contact parents by phone at the start of the week to collect information whether your child will or will return to school. • The senior leaders will then review how many children we can safely accommodate. • Letters will be sent home by the end of the week giving details to those children who may be returning. • Information about home learning expectations will be sent out to all children.
8 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will be open only to the children of key workers and vulnerable children who have been attending for the past 9 weeks. • Final preparations will be made to the school including a full review of the risk assessment. • The full details of the re-opening plan will be shared with all parents and uploaded to the school's website. • Confirmation will be given to those children in Reception, Y1 and Y6 who may be returning next week but <u>ONLY IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.</u>
15 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will be open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children. • School will be open to those children identified in Reception, Y1 and Y6 but <u>ONLY IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.</u>





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Structured home learning packs will be sent home on a weekly basis and these will link with the work that is being undertaken in school.

It is important that from the 1st June if you are wanting your child to return to school, either because you are a key worker or have a vulnerable child and want to take up your place, or your child is in one of the eligible year groups and you now want them to access school, you will need to ring school by Tuesday of the week before. We will consider your request, but it is possible that we will not be able to accommodate them.

I appreciate this is a difficult and challenging time for all of our school community and the pressure this is placing on yourselves and your children. We all miss your children very much, and hope to see them soon. In the decisions I have made the safety of all children and school staff has been my priority.

As always at this time, take care and stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K. Hall
Headteacher

