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Dear Parents,

Welcoming back Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 children

I hope that your week has started positively and that you and your children are well.

Throughout lockdown we have been able to support keyworkers from our school community, with at times more than 30 children per day attending school. We have also been able to offer the rest of the children lessons at home to help maintain their learning as best we can.

Following recent government announcements to allow schools to invite Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 children back to school from Monday 1st June, we have been working hard to put in place the necessary social distancing measures to make the children's return to school as safe and as smooth as possible.

On Monday, I welcomed those staff who have been working from home back into school. It was good to see the staff together again albeit in smaller groups. We were able to share the plans for reopening including discussing key changes around the school site and ensuring that staff are aware of the risk assessment and enhanced safety measures we are introducing moving forward. I felt the time was really well spent and ensures that all staff are clear and consistent with how we will operate.

It is important for me to reassure you that I feel that the Park Hill staff team are absolutely ready - ready to welcome more children back into school and ready to resume the journey of learning and reintroduce the routine of school into the children's lives again. However, whilst we feel ready right now for Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 children to return to school, two important things have to happen in order for the school to open more widely.

The risk assessment that the school has written has to be **approved** by the Local Authority. This also has to be **accepted** by the Trade Unions that represent staff at the school. Neither of these have happened yet. Until they have, the school cannot be opened to wider groups of children. This is currently the case for all schools in Coventry.

On this basis, Park Hill **will not** now open to Year R, Year 1 or Year 6 from the **8 June**. I am not able to confirm a reopening date at the moment but having discussed our readiness to do so with the Local Authority I do feel that **15 June** is a more realistic date for you as parents to focus on. If this was the case, I would anticipate that Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 would all return over a staggered period over the course of that week.

I am mindful that this is a particularly difficult time for all us, especially parents of younger children, and I share your frustration that I am unable to offer more certainty just yet. As soon as we are able to confirm when we are able to open up the school to more children, I will let you know as quickly as possible.

In the meantime, thank you again for your patience and understanding.
Regards,

Paul Griffin
Headteacher