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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update on the possible reopening of school

On Monday 11th May, following an address to the nation by the prime minister, the Department for Education (DfE) released guidance to schools that states:

*"We ... anticipate, with further progress, that we **may** be able, from the week commencing 1 June 2020 to welcome back more children to early years, school and further education settings. We will only do this provided that the five key tests set by government justify the changes at the time, including that the rate of infection is decreasing and the enabling programmes set out in the Roadmap are operating effectively. As a result we are asking schools, colleges and childcare providers to plan on this basis, ahead of confirmation that these tests are met..."*

*From the week commencing 1 June 2020 **at the earliest**, we will be asking primary schools to welcome back children in Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6, alongside priority groups..."*

While the government has the authority to set national policy, school leaders and their governing boards have the ultimate responsibility and duty to ensure that individual schools are able to operate in a safe manner. Schools can only expand the number of pupils attending if it is safe to do so based on their individual circumstances and specific issues.

We are currently looking at government guidance and considering what a phased return might look like in our school, assessing the risks involved for our children, staff and community. Any return to school must be safe, measured and carefully managed. This presents many challenges and we are waiting for further clarification from the government. We would like to reassure you that the school will only reopen when we are confident it is safe to do so. Therefore, it may not be possible for all the year groups the government has identified to return to school on 1st June.

As soon as we know when and in what capacity we can reopen, we will let you know and give you information on the safety measures that will be in place. In the meantime if you have any concerns and would like to contact us, please email enquiries@standrewsceva.uk or complete the contact form on the school website: www.standrews.northants.sch.uk

We hope that you and your family are continuing to stay safe and well. We thank you for your cooperation and working with us at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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