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Dear Parent's/Carers,

Prime Minister's Announcement

I hope everyone is well. Like most of you, I listened to the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday.

I want to clarify with you what was said and what was not said with regards to schools reopening.

It is now clear that the government are keen for schools to reopen on a phased basis possibly as early as 1st June, with some year groups returning to school earlier than others. **This does not mean schools will reopen – only might.** Any reopening is still likely to be phased even for these year groups and will not mean a return for all children in those year groups on the same day.

The Prime Minister cited Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in his message, it has not been made clear why these year groups have been chosen. Schools heard this information at the same time as you, so currently we have no further details – although we do expect guidance to be issued over the coming days and weeks. The Department for Education (DfE) have said they will work with the schools to ensure their safe and appropriate reopening, we have to trust that this will continue to be the case.

Headteachers across the country have concerns about how the reintegration of significant numbers of pupils in primary schools can be safely managed, particularly considering that Reception and Year 1 comprise of very young children with whom social distancing is extremely difficult. Along with you, I will welcome a reopening of Kelvin Grove when I am confident it is safe for children, staff and families at home.

I welcome the Prime Minister's assurance that this timescale is not set in stone. It is dependent on a number of key factors he outlined and will be postponed if necessary.

I am keen to know your opinions on this announcement. If you wish to share your views please email admin@kelvingrove.lewisham.sch.uk. I may not be able to respond to specific questions but I will try wherever possible to give clarity where I can on what we are doing as a school.

These are challenging times for everybody and it will become clearer what is expected of schools over the next few weeks. I would like to thank everyone for the support you have shown us so far and reassure you that the safety of our children, staff and community will remain at the heart of any decisions we make.

Yours sincerely

Ian Hyde
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