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Dear Families,

As part of the relaxation of lockdown measures in line with many primary schools in England we began a phased reopening for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 15th June which has gone really well and I would like to thank the families who have been coming to school for supporting the wider opening by following all the measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe.

However, while the government has said primary schools can welcome back additional pupils this term where there is considered to be capacity to do so, the government's original ambition for all primary school children to return to school before the summer for a month has now been abandoned and the Secretary of State for Education has said that the government is now "working to bring all children back to school in September".

Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, has announced that schools should receive guidance documents providing information about how schools need to plan for September and he has indicated these will be issued to schools next week. As you will appreciate this gives us very little time between receiving the guidance and the end of the summer term to plan and then share our plans with you. We will be putting a 'Welcome Back' pack together which will provide you with information about your child's return to school, around systems and expectations which will be in place for a safe return to school in September. As this will be coming out very late to you, due to the timing of the Government Guidance, I want to ensure that you are able to raise any questions about the September school return. To support you in being able to do so, there will be a dedicated email address where you can raise your queries and questions throughout the summer and where I will personally respond to them. There will be more information about this service as we approach the final few weeks of the summer term.

I would personally like to thank all our families who have been amazing in working with us to make a very challenging time that much easier. You have all been patient, supportive and above all have continued to have regular communication with us without complaint, thank you.

I would also like to share with you my appreciation for all staff at Kingfisher, the Cleaning Team who have gone above and beyond to ensure the school is sanitized and safe for your children, the Education and Inclusion Team who have made weekly phone calls to stay in touch with you all, as well as being in school during the week delivering activities to the keyworker children and now the wider opening year groups and also the Admin Team who have ensured any queries which come into school can be responded to. Without the level of commitment which all staff have demonstrated it would not have been possible to keep Kingfisher functioning.

Once again thank you for bearing with us and I will be in touch with information about September as soon as I am able.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Skinn

Principal