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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to welcome Mrs Beasley to our team at Nacton. Mrs Beasley will be covering Mrs Boyle's maternity leave, so will be working alongside Mrs Henderson teaching Leopards Class. For the foreseeable future, they will be teaching our key worker pupils.

We are looking forward to welcoming back more pupils to school following the Government's announcement that schools should open to more pupils, not just key worker and vulnerable pupils.

It was a pleasure speaking to so many of our parents last week, to hear from people that I would normally see at least once a day. I am so glad as well to hear how well our pupils are getting on at home. It seems many people have been baking so I get the feeling that next year's 'Great Nacton Bake Off' is going to be even more special than normal!

I really appreciate that for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents, the decision of whether to send their child in has been an exceptionally difficult one; many parents are still feeling unsure and have very mixed emotions.

I also know that since I have spoken to you there has been further information in the press, in particular around some SAGE scientists saying that they feel it is too early for schools to open to more pupils. We also had the Government confirming on Thursday that they feel they have met their five tests to allow schools to open more widely from 1st June. This conflicting information is making the decision even harder for parents and carers across the country.

Last week, the Government announced their 'Track and Trace' system: information [here](#). We ask that all of our school community work together and follow any guidance given to them if they are contacted by the NHS Track and Trace team. It does state that if someone has been in contact with a person who has tested positive they need to self-isolate for 14 days; their family only needs to isolate if they (the person contacted) displays symptoms. If a parent/carer is contacted by the Track and Trace team, we are happy for their child to stay off school for those full 14 days, even if you don't initially show symptoms.

We have completed our risk assessments and, as we move to having more pupils in the school, will adapt this as necessary. We ask that you **follow all the guidelines** we have set out for you: this will help to keep everyone safe in school. It is also vitally important that all of our families attending school **follow the Government's lockdown procedures** in order to keep everyone safe: pupils, staff and all of our families. Within in school, the staff will be doing their utmost to keep everyone safe and we need our families to ensure that they are doing the same. As a country, we are taking tentative steps towards 'normal' life; as a school community we must all work together to keep our community as safe as possible.

As I have said in the past we, as a school, will agree with any decision you make. You know what is best for your family. If you have decided to send your child in and then change your mind, that is absolutely fine. If you decide that you would like to send your child in then we will need at least one week notice. As I stated in the last letter, with our current numbers we are able to offer full time provision, if that is what parents would like. If our numbers increase or we have other year groups returning, we may have to go to a part time provision. We will of course give you notice if we have to make any changes.

We also won't be providing snack or milk for your child. They may bring in their own healthy snack for morning play time. They must be able to eat this independently e.g. peel a banana or orange themselves.

If your child isn't attending school, either through choice or not being in an eligible year group, teachers will still be providing home learning activities for your child to complete. This will be reduced as all staff are now teaching in school every day. We will still be using Class Dojo and Tapestry to share these with you. We still encourage you to upload work and pictures on to these sites but please be aware that staff won't be able to comment as much as they have been.

If you do have any questions or would like to speak to us, please do contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G. Ryan

Head teacher