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Dear Parents and Carers,

Proposed school reopening

No doubt that you have all seen the news, announced on Sunday, that schools **may** be asked to open to certain year groups on 1st June including Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. At the moment, the Government has stated that this is a provisional plan which will only take place if the scientific data allows it – a decision on this will be taken by Government nearer the time. Of course, we will only increase the number of pupils attending school **if** the Government and our Trust think it is safe to do so.

We have been sent further guidance from the government and we are now carrying out a risk assessment and action plan for the wider opening of our school. This plan will also need to include provision for maintaining EduCare for Critical Worker children and vulnerable pupils and for continuing to offer home learning materials for all year groups where children are not attending school. Our risk assessment will be explicit about the measures we are taking to control any risks and we will share our plan with you as soon as possible.

What is clear is that, for children who may be returning to school in the immediate future, it will not be 'business as usual'. As classes will need to be smaller, so that social distancing can be in place, you may find that school cannot take children on a full-time basis. We will try our best but it is likely that some children will be in school part time, particularly whilst stringent social distancing measures are in place. Also, please be prepared for the beginning or end of the school day possibly being at a slightly different time to the one you are used to and for the pick-up and drop off routines to be different. We recognise that it is a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we will not open the school for any pupils unless strict control measures can be put into place.

Yesterday, we sent a short survey to parents of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and we would appreciate all parents of children in those year groups returning this as soon as possible. This will aid our planning process. If you have a child in one of those year groups and you have not received a survey please let us know.

Home Learning

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child to learn from home. We are interested in your views on the home learning arrangements, particularly as we changed these slightly a few weeks ago. How is it going? Please can you use the link below to fill out our online learning survey to give us some feedback – thanks - <https://forms.gle/9dGNJBmmdD6iSoLv7>



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The following children have been recognised over that last few weeks for excellent attitudes towards their learning. Well done to you all:

	Week Beginning 4/5/2020	Week Beginning 11/5/2020
FSM	Marialda Campos	Amelia Libby
FHT	Scarlett Bailey	Patrick Porkalob
1MS	Maddison Attrill	Shahd Khalil
1TH	Oscar Burnett	Fatina Rai Albalha
2BF	Emma Chiaburu	Halen-Aaron Moore
2RG	Sophia Jobbins	Charlie Poole
3JD	Christina Papadede	Tanisha Gargett
3HG	Serena Alsaedi	Megan Fyfe
4RH	Abdalrhman Aljafar	Samantha Chen
4SG	Buddy Collinson	Peter Barker
5SR	Kai Reading Hardy	Myles Gargett
5AS	Harry Ashworth	Aileen Lajevard
6LJ	Oliver Lye	Lena Kader
6TL	Fabian Toader	Milanas Prochorovas

A new baby!

Congratulations to Mrs O'Leary, who has welcomed a beautiful baby boy to the world. We hear that they are both doing well!

The next planned Newsletter is on Friday 29th May. However, I will keep you informed of any plans for school reopening as and when we have further clarification from Government. Until then, please stay safe and enjoy the sunshine when we have it if you can.

Best wishes from all at Pilgrim Primary,

Mrs L Meek

