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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to begin this letter, as I do many others, by saying thank you. Thank you for your patience and ongoing support. I truly understand the very many challenges you all face within your own families, of balancing your work commitments with supporting home learning activities, but your dedication to ensuring our children keep learning, be that online or at school has been humbling.

I also understand how important it is that I share accurate information with you, in a timely manner. To that end I have waited, until clear direction from central government has been issued, regarding the next steps for our year 2 children, before writing to you.

Following the government's announcement last week, that their plans to welcome back all year groups to primary school, before the summer holiday had been shelved, yesterday I received further guidance from the government that primary schools *could* welcome back further children, should an individual school assess it as safe enough to do so and they have sufficient available physical space and staffing capacity.

Further to my letter to you all on 5<sup>th</sup> June, regarding the changes we had to make to our original plans, I am now in a position to inform you that, in light of the current number of children attending school, usable available space and our staffing capacity I am unable to invite Year 2 children back to school at this time.

I really do appreciate how very disappointing this will be to you and your children and I can assure you it is not a decision that has been taken lightly. Following our wider reopening in early June and the subsequent need to reorganise our staffing, due to the unforeseen issues highlighted by the suspected Covid-19 case, early on in our first week, my senior team and I have worked tirelessly to formulate a plan to be able to welcome our oldest children back, in some form.

Having looked at all potential options, within the current government constraints we have been set, for example a maximum of 15 children per group, coupled with our current staffing capacity, it is not now possible to welcome the Year 2 children back, in a safe manner. Should government guidance change, before the end of the term I will of course look again at what is and is not possible.

We continue to be fully committed to you and your children, whether they are at home or at school and we will continue sending weekly home learning activities until the end of the school year. We are working in collaboration with our junior school colleagues to ensure that transition can be as smooth as possible for the children. We will also provide free school meal vouchers for those of you eligible to receive them. If you would find it valuable Miss Norgate and Mrs Barker are also available for telephone consultations, to discuss any learning and progress concerns you may have.

I appreciate this is not the ideal end to your child's time at Bagshot Infant School but I hope, in time, you and your children will look back at the entirety of their school career with us, and hold onto the special memories we made together.

Finally, I will be writing to all parents in due course to explain how their child's annual report will be shared this year and belongings such as P.E kits can be collected.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Aldred