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Dear parents and carers,

You will have heard the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, lead the Thursday evening briefing. In that briefing, he confirmed that the conditions are right for schools to begin a gradual wider opening for children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from the week beginning Monday 1st June. I have already shared with you the plan we have developed for Woodhouse Primary Academy. Our plan does this in a way which protects children and adults as much as is possible, as well as ensuring that there remains high quality educational provision for **all** children of Woodhouse - both in and out of school. After sharing this detailed plan (letters and risk assessments can be seen here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/wider-opening>), I have answered a range of questions to help you to make a choice about if your child will return to school. That choice is now yours to make.

I now require you to make a firm decision, initially for Tuesday 2nd June or Thursday 4th June, depending on which group your child is allocated to. It is vital that we are able to plan effectively for reopening if we are to keep children and adults safe, so I will need a firm decision by 12pm on Monday 1st June. **You will notify school on this form:** <https://forms.gle/XCNVbiNEdzsvTxZ58> which will confirm what you have already told me, or make a new, firm decision if you were uncertain or had not replied. You may not yet be ready to return, and there is the option to indicate this on the form for the week beginning 8th June. If you decide you would like your child to attend at a later date, then you will be able to. I continue to operate the wideropening@woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk email address to give responses to any specific questions you may have. I remind you that you are free to make whichever decision is best for your family at this time. Whatever you decide, you have my full support.

We will share details of what group each child will be in (Group A, Tuesday 2nd June, then Mondays and Tuesdays from the 8th of June onwards; or Group B, Thursday 4th June, then Thursdays and Fridays from the 8th of June onwards) and you will confirm your child's place in school for the coming week by the end of Monday 1st June. Families with children in more than one class will be in the same group as their siblings. If you choose not to send your child to begin with, you will be in a position to change your mind later. As I have made clear however, we will always need to know **the week before any return** to enable safe provision to be made for your child. E.g. if you decide initially not to have your child return, but you decide on Tuesday 9th of June that you would now like them to attend, they will only be able to begin in school from the following week (beginning Monday 15th June) in either group A or group B. **No child will be allowed to enter school unless we have confirmed their attendance in advance. If we do not hear from you, then we will assume that your child will not attend – they cannot just arrive at the gates on any day.** You can of course withdraw your child from the provision at any point too, but again you will need to communicate this clearly with us at school, giving as much notice as possible. This is a crucial role that parents will play to ensure that children have safe staffing and provision provided for them. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support with this – it is essential that parents play their part with this.

Once again I thank you for your cooperation with this process. I greatly appreciate your continued support for our school and your understanding of our difficult circumstances at this time. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr O Wilson
Head Teacher

