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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday the Department for Education (DfE) published its guidance in relation to the gradual opening of schools. It states that from 1st June Primary schools should aim to provide education for Reception, Year One and Year Six pupils as well as continuing to provide on-site provision for the priority groups (EHCP/vulnerable/keyworkers). In addition, nurseries are to reopen.

An Daras Trust is committed to re-opening its schools in accordance with DfE guidance where it is appropriate and safe to do so. However, in order to do this, we will need to implement protective measures and complete rigorous risk assessments.

We are following DfE guidance regarding implementing protective measures. The DfE recognise that it is **not possible** for schools to maintain social distancing. Protective measures will include avoiding contact with symptomatic people, frequent hand washing, regular cleaning of premises, minimising contact and mixing where possible and by reducing class sizes. It advises against the wearing of facial coverings. In addition, we will stagger start and finish times and lunchtimes. Children will only be in on certain days with no more than 15 children in any one room at a time. We will ask children to bring in a packed lunch and their own writing equipment where possible.

As I am sure you can appreciate there are many details which we need to continue to work through. However, a key priority is the need to know the number of pupils intending on returning to school in June, if we are in a position to open.

If you have a child in at least one of the eligible year groups/classes (**ARB, Preschool, Reception, Years One and Six**) we would be very grateful if you can indicate if you are planning to send your child to school from the 1st if we are in a position to open. **If you could email your response directly FAO Mrs Furber ststephens@andaras.org by 12 noon tomorrow** it would be really helpful so we can get an initial idea of the numbers of children.

Please stipulate: Name of Child and Year Group:

Please record the statement which applies to you:

- a) If school opens, **I will** send my child
- b) If school opens, I **will not** send my child
- c) I am undecided

Any Other Comments:

We are gathering thoughts at this stage and will not hold you to this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Maura Furber

Headteacher

