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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your responses to the survey we sent out last week to parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. It was important to hear your views on whether you intend to send your child into school should we be able to welcome more children back in the coming weeks. Your responses will shape the way in which we approach our planning.

Based on your views and the information and guidance we have received from the government, the Local Authority, teaching unions, and the Blessed Christopher Wharton Academy Trust, we are taking a **safe, steady** and **sustainable** approach to reopening the wider school:

- **Safe** – we will complete a thorough risk assessment and implement a wide range of measures to make sure that it is safe to allow more pupils to be in school;
- **Steady** – we will gradually increase the number of places offered, continually reviewing our safety procedures to make sure we are limiting the risks to our pupils, parents and staff;
- **Sustainable** – we will make sure that any measures we put into place are able to be sustained for a period of time and will enable us to continue to provide the same level of provision as the number of pupils in school increases.

During the weeks beginning 25th May and 1st June, school will remain open for children of critical workers, as we have since March. As always, please book this childcare by completing the online questionnaire which will be sent out later today. Please let us know by **Thursday 21st May** if childcare is required during this time.

We then intend to commence our wider opening in the week beginning 8th June, if it is considered safe to do so. We are expecting to welcome in pupils from one year group from the four indicated by the government (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6) for a number of days during that week. In the following weeks, we will then invite further year groups into school as we gradually increase the numbers we are able to accommodate safely.

School will be closed one afternoon per week for the foreseeable future to enable a thorough deep clean.

During this period of time, from 8th June, we intend to continue to provide online learning for pupils who are not physically attending school and will give our hardworking teachers time in school to prepare this work and give feedback to children as they have been doing.

We appreciate your support as we commence this programme and trust that you will understand we have the safety and wellbeing of your children at the centre of everything we do. We will be in touch very soon with further details about the safety measures we will be putting in place, and with specific information about the dates, times and year groups we will be welcoming back.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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