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Dear parents/carers

I hope that you and your families are well and staying safe.

I need to inform you that, based on the SAGE guidance released last Friday, the Local Authority has instructed all Rochdale school to delay opening until at least the 15th June 2020 for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

For us this means that the arrangements we made with you last week about which days your child attends will change.

We are now looking at the following:

- **Year 6 to attend from Monday 15th June**
- **Year 1 to attend from Monday 22nd June. If this date is to be brought forward I will be in touch**
- **Reception -The governing body have significant concerns for this age group and at present have voted to NOT allow this year group to return. This will be kept under review.**

We will still maintain our provision for children of critical worker families and those identified vulnerable groups (those with an EHCP and those with social care involvement).

I am sorry if you find this confusing or disappointing. We do want to have our children back with us in larger numbers but it must be safe for us to do so. Rochdale has taken this step as the SAGE guidance does indicate a delay of two weeks reduces risk significantly, so they have taken this step with the best interests of children and families in mind. We agree that it wise to consider the advice from SAGE about risk reduction and timescales.

Thank you again for all of your patience and kind words, please stay safe and look after each other.

Kind regards

Best wishes

Ms Karen Martin

Headteacher



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