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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: **Consultation and next steps**

Thank you very much to all those parents who have managed to respond to our online survey about the possible re-opening of our schools from 1st June 2020. The consultation process has now closed. We have consulted with the following stakeholders:

- Parents
- Staff
- The diocese
- The Local Authority
- The staff Unions
- Other Primary Schools in our cluster

Next Wednesday, 27th May, the governing body will meet to discuss the responses from the consultations as well as scrutinising Mrs Clinton's plans and risk assessments. We will make an informed decision as to whether we think it is safe for the schools to re-open to staff and children.

However, we need to bear in mind, that the government will not be announcing their decision about moving to phase 2 of easing the lockdown until next Thursday evening, 28th May. Therefore, I will write to you again on Friday 29th May, informing you of our decision.

I understand waiting for a decision may be frustrating for some of our parents, particularly key workers as you will be trying to plan your return to work. However, I am sure you understand that governors have a responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of our staff and pupils and our duty is to eliminate risk wherever possible. This will be at the forefront of our decision making.

With this in mind, I would advise that parents **DO NOT** make any plans for children returning to school any sooner than at least 8th June, 2020 and as I have stated earlier in this letter, any re-opening is dependent on the above factors.

I would like to thank you for your continued support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

MR P. AULTON
CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

