

Dear Parents,

Following the announcement last night from our Prime Minister, which indicated potential changes to the school provision, I wanted to write to you.

Firstly, I urge caution about what you discuss with your children, especially those in Reception and Year 1 who were referenced in the announcement. .It is too early to speculate on how any transition to return to school will look. Furthermore, in our three tier system it may not be Year 6 as detailed but perhaps, Year 4.

Until that time, for the safety of all involved, existing arrangements will remain in place. We will also need time to plan for increased numbers in school and to ensure, along with other measures, that social distancing can be securely in place. When talking about such young children, this is indeed a challenge.

GTAT and the local authority are working closely together and any decision around start dates will be a combined one.

Naturally, we want to get back to school as soon as we can, but **safety must come first**. We continue to cover child care provision via Piddle Valley First School for those who are vulnerable or whose parents are Key Workers **where no other safe alternative** can be found.

We continue to stand by you and plan lessons and resources to help to support you with your child's learning at home.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing co-operation and support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Hunt