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Dear Parents and carers,

We hope that you and your families are well and were able to enjoy the sunny bank holiday weather. I am writing to assure you that following the latest update from the government last night, we as a school and as part of a trust, will keep you up to date on the latest developments.

For those of you who watched the speech, the Prime Minister's words were heavily caveated and conditional: *"If we as a nation begin to fulfil the conditions I have set out, then in the next few weeks and months, we may be able to go further. In step two at the earliest by June 1st after half term, we believe we may be in a position to get primary pupils back into schools, in stages, beginning with reception, year 1 and year 6. Our ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays."*

The immediate situation is the same as over the last weeks. Schools remain closed except for children of critical workers as well as vulnerable children. Our team has been working hard to ensure that learning opportunities are set and marked (via Purple Mash and Google Classroom) and will continue to provide on-line learning over the next weeks in the lead up to half term. As indicated before, if your child is struggling to access on-line learning or would prefer to work on paper-based learning, this can be arranged on request. If you are in need of help in any way, our team are happy to get back to you. If you do wish to contact us please email admin@starbeck.n-yorks.sch.uk or call school and leave a message for us.

We must now await further specific information from central government and DfE about the possible phased re-opening that has been proposed, should the conditions for moving to 'Step 2' be met. The guidance will then be discussed and processed with the other school leaders in our trust to ensure that we can plan for as safe a return as possible for children in the year groups indicated. I will write to everyone again with more information after that point.

Please stay safe and well and I will be in touch again as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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