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Dear Parents/Carers

Since the Government's announcement that they wanted primary schools to open from June 1st for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, the school has been working on completing a comprehensive risk assessment to ensure we have minimised the risk of spreading coronavirus to children, staff and parents.

The risk assessment was shared with the school governors last night. The school have to put the measures written in the risk assessment into place before the school can open to a larger number of pupils. At present not all these measures are in place so the governors decided that the school cannot open to children on June 1st. Throughout half term, the school will be working on the areas that are still outstanding. The school and governors are meeting next Friday when the risk assessment will be reviewed. Following the review meeting, a letter will be sent out on June 2nd to update parents and inform them of any plans made. The priority of the school governors is the safety of the children, staff and their families and made the decision based on this concern.

The school is open for children of keyworkers. Measures are in place for this small group of children and supervision for these children will continue after half term (school is closed next week for half term – An out of school provider based at Bishop's Down is offering places to children of keyworkers in Tunbridge Wells – email: beehive@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk). We are aware that more parents are returning to work, however supervision is only available to those parents who are classed as keyworkers. Those parents who require supervision should email the school office with the details of their employment, confirmation of their keyworker status and the days they require. Due to the need to ensure small groups and correct staffing levels we cannot accept children at short notice.

Teachers will continue to send out home learning via ClassDojo in the week beginning June 1st and we recognise and are very thankful of the hard work that parents are doing to keep the children learning at home.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hayward', is written over a light pink rectangular background.

Mrs S Hayward
Headteacher

