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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure after hearing the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday evening and the subsequent news coverage, you are wondering what this means for you as a family in your wider life and in your child's schooling. On Monday evening, we received lengthy, detailed documents regarding preparations schools need to make to welcome back Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, possibly after half-term. I am sure you appreciate these plans require time to map out what school provision will look like at Broadwindsor and ask for your patience while we try to compile these. Our current school closure remit continues alongside any preparations we will need to make. It is likely that we can update you more next week.

As the government guidelines talk about the phased return being at the earliest on the 1st June and dependent on key measures, I would urge caution in discussions with your children about them returning to school on this date if they are in these year groups. I am sure you will have questions of us which we might not yet have the answers to at the moment. Below is the link to the government's guidance documents for parents and this will give you an idea of what school might be like.

- [guidance for parents and carers](#)

There are two specific documents for parents on this page of which the second one is the new guidance around reopening. All the documents which schools have been sent are also on this page, if you want to look at them.

Special Mentions

In the newsletter last Thursday, we promised to let you know how to nominate your child for a special mention.

As you are aware our weekly praise assembly and the special mentions is integral to what we do at our school. I know from talking to staff and from communication with families this is something we are currently missing. With our usual praise assembly format not really an option, we need to think creatively about our special mentions. Therefore, we would like you to nominate your child for a special mention so that it can reward the achievements and milestones that you are noticing at home whether they are big or small. The intention is that it will give the whole family a bit of a boost and to help you all stay motivated as well as reward your child.

If you would like to nominate your child for a 'special mention' please complete the online form by clicking the link below.

['Special Mention'](#)



We will then process these requests and send a special mention message out to the child via email. Please try to give us a clear reason for the special mention and remember these can be for big or small things. All we ask is that it is only one per child each week.

I do hope this week is going well for you with your home-learning and wider life. All of us at school have you in our thoughts. The school remains open to provide support for key worker families and those vulnerable families as set out by government guidelines. If you need support for this or in any other ways you are more than welcome to email office@broadwindsor.dorset.sch.uk and staff in school will do their best to respond and help as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and stay safe.

Phil Smith
Headteacher

