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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Over the next few days you will be receiving more information from your school about how we are extending our offer to certain year groups. We are doing this cautiously and are reviewing our plans continually as we move forward. There are many new procedures for coming back into school and I would ask you to please take the time to familiarise yourselves with these should you be in one of the affected year groups. Please remember that it is your decision whether to send your child back and that there will be no fines for parents who keep their children at home.

As you know, our schools have all been open from the very beginning of the crisis including during school and public holidays and everyone in school has been working incredibly hard to make sure that we are supporting the children, their parents and our community. I know over the last few days much has been said in the press about schools not working hard but this is certainly not the case in our group of schools and, judging by the amount of messages of support that we have received, I know that you appreciate this.

We may not all agree on the next steps forward and we also need to learn from past decisions that have been made, but I know that you are also very supportive of the work that we have been doing to ensure you are informed of what is happening and we will endeavour to continue to do this.

We are continuing to send home learning in different ways and are here to support you with this. If you are finding it difficult I would ask that you focus on reading and basic maths skills as this will really help your child. Once they return to school we will ensure that they are supported in every way to enable them to be successful in their lives, as we always have done in our schools. Should you need any further support please speak to your school or alternatively phone our helpline, open during school hours, on 07944 244 266.

Information from Public Health Newham is showing a much improved picture from our area and we are using this information, as well as considering the needs of everyone, to enable us to make decisions on moving forward.

Once again thank you for all your support and everything you are doing with your children and I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend with your family.

Best Wishes  
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