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Dear Parents and Carers,

CHILDREN STARTING NURSERY AND RECEPTION CLASSES

I am writing to give you an update regarding the return of all pupils to school in September which was announced by the Government on 2^{nd} July 2020.

As always, the main concern and priority for the Governors is ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the children and staff at OLA. Consequently, I have been working with the staff, Governors and Local Authority to review our current measures so that Our Lady's is in a position to safely welcome all pupils back in September. However, any plan to return is dependent on the Government's review of the situation which will take place on 11th August 2020. At this point, the Government will decide whether it is still safe for schools to open fully or whether alternative measures need to be put in place. Following the announcement, I will contact parents and carers with details of our next steps.

This year the children have been unable to take part in the transition activities that would typically take place in order to support the children settling into school life. Activities such as visiting the Reception classroom, meeting the Reception staff, staying for lunch and coming to 'stay and play' sessions with their parents and carers have not been able to go ahead.

With this in mind, it is important that we do settling in sessions at the start of the school year. It will take time for the children to become familiar with the setting, the adults and routines of the day. Should we reopen, an adult will need to be available daily on Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th September to attend 'stay and play' sessions with their child. More information regarding times will follow after the Government's announcement on 11th August 2020.

If we do reopen as planned, we will be able to offer our usual wraparound provision.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Askew Headteacher













