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Dear Parents/Carers,

11th June, 2020

Following the government's announcement this week that not all primary school children will be able to return to school this term, I wanted to let you know what we plan to do for our children.

As of Monday 8th June, we have been able to offer provision for all eligible pupils at Plumpton School (EYFS, Year 1, Year 6, specialist/priority pupils). This has been very challenging and lots of changes to the school site and routines have been necessary. However, the children who have returned have enjoyed being able to see their friends and teachers. The initial roadmap set out by the government was to increase provision to more primary aged pupils from Monday, 22nd June but yesterday, the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson announced that this was now up to individual schools, based on their capacity to accommodate more children.

At Plumpton School we feel that we will be able to extend our capacity **slightly** but, dependent on the response we get on uptake, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to make provision for all those wanting to return to school. We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance and our own school-specific risk assessment, to keep everyone in our community safe. We know that this will cause many of you frustration but we are trying to accommodate as many children as possible. We will continue to set home learning for those children not able to return to school.

It is important to remember that those children returning to school **must** come at the specified time to ensure a safe, staggered start and finish to the school day. Please **do not** congregate outside the classroom doors. **ONLY** specialist/priority children are entitled to attend five days a week. **If you do not want your child/children to attend on a Wednesday, please let the school know at the start of the week so that the kitchen team can arrange lunches.**

If you would like your child/children to return to school on Monday, 22nd June, please let the school know via email admin@plumpton.cumbria.sch.uk by 12noon, Monday, 15th June. Whilst we cannot guarantee a place for your child/children, we will try our very hardest to offer as many places as we can. We cannot say yet when we will be able to open fully, but rest assured that we will continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected. Keep checking See-Saw and Tapestry for activities to do at home; you are doing an amazing job supporting your child's learning and well-being! Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from school, please let us know by emailing or telephoning the office

Yours sincerely,
S. L. Penny
Head teacher