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Dear Parents / Carers

Wider Re-Start Strategy Update

As you are aware, since the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday 10th May, the senior leadership team have been planning Walford's wider Re-Start Strategy for children in Nursery, Year R, Year 1 and Year 6. I have outlined previously, that Monday 1st June is the government's aspirational target, indeed, Boris Johnson has acknowledged that this date may not be possible for all schools and that local authorities do have flexibility.

The 'Independent SAGE' committee, chaired by former chief scientific adviser Sir David King, has carried out new modelling showing the risk of coronavirus to children going back to school. The modelling indicates that there is a 4.21% chance that children returning on Monday 1st June will be exposed to a contagious classmate. This percentage reduces significantly to 2.09% if schools delay their reopening to Monday 15th June.

I have a duty of care to our children, staff and wider families. To date, I am not confident that the government's five key tests have been met and following the leading scientific advice and warning above, I have decided to delay our wider Re-Start Strategy. **Therefore, Walford will not open its doors to children, other than those of Key Workers, on Monday 1st June.**

Please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly and is supported by the governing body. Senior leaders will continue to monitor and review the government's five key tests, alongside scientific evidence. I will inform you on Thursday 4th June of our intentions regarding whether or not we will implement the wider Re-Start Strategy on Monday 8th June.

Thank you for your continued positive feedback regarding Walford's remote home-learning offer. Please be assured that we are here to help and support you in any way that we can.



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May I take this opportunity to encourage you all to look at the school website where you can access:

- @WalfordSchool Twitter Feed to enjoy, with your children, everything that is happening day-to-day.
- Parent / carer support and guidance (Key Information section).
- Health & Well-Being section (signposting resources to raise your spirits whenever things get a little too much)!
- <https://www.wisherefordshire.org> (Herefordshire Council - practical help, guidance and support for parents, carers and families).

Finally, if there is any way in which we can assist you further, please do not hesitate to email the Admin Team or telephone the School Office.

Keep safe everyone!

Best wishes



Ms L. George
Headteacher



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