



# MELLOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

When you've had the privilege of being the Headteacher of Mellor Primary School for thirteen years, you begin to feel incredibly responsible for any action that is undertaken for the school and community. Indeed, during my tenure here, we have been faced with several challenging situations and as a team we have overcome them.

This period however has been uniquely different, and in being emotionally connected to our school community I felt it respectful to be open, honest and transparent about the current and future situation we may find ourselves in, in my recent communications. Following Gavin Williamson's address on Saturday, the Mellor community were at the forefront of my mind all weekend - such is the power of that emotional connection.

In my most recent communications to you all, I had considered the circumstances in which we find ourselves, with the intention for each family to feel empowered, free from judgement or expectation to do what they felt was the right thing for their children. However, I have heard that several of you felt the picture portrayed of how school may look and feel, placed you in a difficult situation. With hindsight, although a wonderful thing, I can only apologise as this was not my intention.

We are currently developing the best possible offer that we can, to ensure that our children, who do come in, will have the best experience that we can create. This will include as much outdoor learning as we are able.

Our careful and cautious plan to have as many children in school, within the guidelines presented, will be communicated in the coming week. Meanwhile, we will all need to be aware of course that this plan may change if the government advice changes.

Many thanks to all of you, who have been able to complete the parental survey so far, regarding your requirements and thoughts on a return to school. Your feedback is very much appreciated. If you have not yet submitted your response, we would value your opinion by Thursday 22nd May 2020 at 12.00pm to give us as much information as possible to further develop our offer and recovery plan.

With very best wishes.

J E Nicholson

