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The Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation
Executive Headteacher: Lesley Ann Jones BA Hons

22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School opening for more children

I am writing to you to share our plans to increase the number of children in school from the week beginning **June 1st 2020**. We will continue to care for the children of key workers in school. This will not change, however we are widening the provision for other year groups.

We are currently planning to extend our offer to children in **Year 6 only**, starting **Wednesday June 3rd**. We will monitor, review and then invite our **Year 1** children at a later date. After that further groups will be invited to attend. We will, as promised, give a week's notice of our intention to reopen for year groups.

Parents, children and staff should be reassured that our school will only open to pupils in these year groups when the risk assessments we are completing, have been agreed by staff and governors. We will be holding a 'zoom' meeting on **Monday 1st June** for **Year 6** parents. At that time **Year 6** parents will be able to ask questions about the provision. After that meeting, we will need to know if they are sending their child to school. A further letter for **Year 6** parents will be sent with more details about this.

The government have advised us that:

- Children in eligible year groups (as above) are strongly encouraged to attend
- Children of key workers and who are vulnerable **should** attend
- Children and staff classed as extremely vulnerable due to medical conditions **should not** attend
- Children **should not** attend if they have symptoms or are self-isolating
- Parents **will not be fined** if they do not send their child to school

If you are employed and you have to return to work; please contact the school via the office, even if you are not in Year 6. We are able to accommodate more children of other key workers and this is reflected in our risk assessment. We want to increase the number of pupils who attend school each day. These plans are all dependent on government advice; the government has indicated that they will make a final decision on school opening by **28th May**. We will inform you via text accompanied by a follow up letter should our plans need to change.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Yours Sincerely,
The Lucas Vale Team