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Dear Parents

As you are aware, the government is planning to open schools on 1st June, not only to key workers' children, but to YR, Y1 and Y6 pupils. I am writing to inform you that staff and governors are working extremely hard to put in place systems and procedures to allow this to happen at the Ormesby schools. The guidance is very lengthy and detailed, as are the LA risk assessments, which must all be completed before we can decide how many children can safely be accommodated at each school. Also, guidance and advice is continuously being updated and we want our information to you to be as accurate as possible before you decide whether you will send your child back to school. We will write to you again next week, with our detailed plans and ask you to let us know if you will be sending your child back on June 1st, if the schools re-open on that day.

Technically, the schools would close next Friday, May 22nd, for the half term holiday. Both schools will be closed on Monday May 25th, bank holiday, and we would prefer both schools to remain closed for the rest of the half term week to key workers if possible. This is because staff will need to be in school to plan for re-opening and both schools will need to be deep cleaned again before June 1st. If you can make alternative arrangements for this week we would greatly appreciate it. If, however, you cannot do this, please let us know by **Monday May 18th**, so we can plan our staff rota. Please note that any key worker children who come in over half term will be looked after at the junior school only.

Finally we have heard from the government that there will be no free school meal vouchers issued over the half term week. Vouchers have been issued up to 22.5.20 and we presume that they will continue to be provided for eligible children after half term who are still not able to attend school.

Please continue to keep well and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Bates
Headteacher

