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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well in these difficult times. I am writing to you as Enfield Council's Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Protection & Education.

As you will be aware, the government asked primary schools to open to children from the 1st June to pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year and Year 6 if they were able to. Your school will have contacted you about the specific arrangements they have put in place which will be different from school to school. Headteachers and governing bodies have needed to ensure that it is safe to open and because each school is different, schools will open in different ways. This will have been based on the risk assessments that schools carry out which will include looking at the safety of the school site, the staff available to teach, the practicality of social distancing and a range of other factors. This means that schools may not have been able to invite in all pupils from the above year groups and some schools may have chosen to use rota systems. A number of schools have cleaning half-days or days to thoroughly clean their schools. Each school is individual and will have its own approach.

I very much understand the challenges that parents and carers have been facing in terms of home educating your child/children. This is a difficult time for all of us but I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all involved in schools including teachers and support staff for the work they have been doing during the COVID19 crisis. I would also like to thank all of you – parents, guardians, carers and of course the children as well in combating the virus by social distancing, self-isolating when necessary and all the other things we need to do to help the NHS and battle coronavirus.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



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