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Dear Parents /Carers

We hope that you and your family continue to be safe and well.

Over the past week, we have been working on our plans for the reopening of school to eligible year groups. Shortly, we will be sending a letter to the parents of those in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 6 that details where we are in the planning phase and further details on what our provision may look like.

In last week's letter, we suggested that the 1st June may be too soon to put in place the protective measures outlined by the Department for Education in their guidance for schools. Having consulted with staff, surveyed parents and met with the Board of Trustees and Local Governing Bodies, we are **undertaking the necessary preparations to open schools at the earliest on the 8th June though this may be revised** in response to Government announcements. This is also dependent on whether all necessary risk assessments and health and safety measures are in place.

We are thorough in keeping up-to-date with the changing guidance from Government and the Department for Education. Guidance continues to be released or updated on a daily basis that we are working to respond to in a co-ordinated and strategic approach. We are sure that the press coverage may be communicating mixed messages about the reopening of schools and the science underpinning the Government's decisions. We will endeavour to keep you as informed as possible at the appropriate times.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils and our staff has been our key priority throughout this situation and this will continue to be the case moving forward.

Next week would have been the May half term and, although our situation is very different currently, we will expect our teachers and other staff to take this time to recharge and be prepared for next half term. We also recognise that for our pupils (and their substitute teachers at home – you) this may also offer a much-needed break. Therefore, no work will be set during this time. Should you wish for your child to continue their studies during this time, please refer to the Government's list of online educational resources for home education [here](#).

Critical workers

We have continued throughout the school closures to provide an onsite provision for the children of critical workers. The Government has made clear in its [guidance](#) that this continues to be the priority and, should a decision need to be made (because of staffing numbers) that priority will be given to the children of critical workers.

We recognise that many parents / carers themselves, may work in schools and, therefore, need to return to their own educational setting. **If this is the case and your child (in any year group) needs**



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a place in our onsite provision, then please email post@foxboroughprimary.co.uk by midday on Friday 29th May at the latest. The Government guidance on critical workers can be found [here](#). This is essential to our planning process.

Free School Meals

For all children in receipt of Free School Meals, the Government's scheme has been providing vouchers. The Government has not made provision for these vouchers to be issued over the May half term.

Instead, we will issue a £15 e-voucher for Tesco's for this week. For any family in receipt of FSM, you will be contacted to ensure that you receive this e-voucher. If you have any questions, please contact the school at advice@foxboroughprimary.co.uk

Thank a Teacher day

Wednesday 20th May was Thank a Teacher day and we would like to say a huge thank you to the teachers in our school, but also the many other colleagues who have contributed so during this challenging time. They have worked stoically and with a sense of purpose throughout and we are ever grateful.

Superprojects

A huge well done and thank you to all the children who have been engaging with the Superprojects and sending in your fantastic work!

I am especially impressed with the work that our Nursery pupils have been doing. Well done Butterflies! You can have a look here:

http://foxboroughprimary.co.uk/Completed_Nursery_Super_work

Pioneer charity challenge- #MakeMayMemorable

As we come to the end of our Pioneer Charity Challenge, I would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone that has donated and completed their Challenge for the NHS. So far, as a Trust, we have raised **£1618** and counting. May is not over yet! If you still wish to donate, here is the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pioneereducationaltrust>

This week, the following members of staff completed their challenges:



Pupil nominations

The following pupils have been nominated!

Asam Khatun

Chelsea & Jayden Singh

Tommy Hibbs

Omar Mosa

Sadie Beason

Demi Smith

Aaban Akhtar

Click here: <http://foxboroughprimary.co.uk/news/161> to view details on how to complete your challenge.

We will communicate with you further after the May half term break. Thank you, once again, for your ongoing support and kindness. It is appreciated. I wish you well over the break and hope that you are able to enjoy some quality time as a family.

Yours faithfully

Jessica Theisinger

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