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Dear parents and carers,

### Re: Update

As you know, the government has asked headteachers to start planning for more children to start to come back to school. The date of 1<sup>st</sup> June has been mentioned but is not yet confirmed and the government will make further announcements in the coming days and weeks. We are really looking forward to welcoming children and families back but we want to make sure that we have put appropriate arrangements in place to ensure that children and adults can be as safe as possible while they are here. We have already started to work on our plans for this – the school has had a thorough deep clean and we have updated our daily cleaning schedule to include additional cleaning throughout the school day. We have started to install hand sanitiser stations in the playground and we are exploring different models of staggered start and finish times with smaller teaching groups.

The curriculum will also need careful consideration. Children have been away from school, their friends and their teachers for some time and this will inevitably have had an impact. We will need to do lots of work to support their wellbeing and emotional readiness for learning and senior staff have started to explore this in preparation for when children return.

I am sure you will all have lots of questions so I will be inviting you to take part in a short survey next week in order to gather your views.

In the meantime, school remains open for children of critical workers and those identified as vulnerable. If you have eligible children and you would like them to attend school, please contact us by email [admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk).

### Home learning

You continue to amaze and inspire us with your fantastic home learning projects. This week we had flying superheroes, banana bread making, rockpools, aquariums and celebration of Florence Nightingale and our modern day NHS staff. We even had Daisy (2D) and Zachary (4C) and their home learning featured on 'Let's Go Live' with Maddy and Greg this week!

Next week we will be continuing with the theme of **Heroes** for our home learning activities. It is also **Mental Health Awareness Week** and we will be producing some mindfulness and wellbeing activities for you to do at home over half term (week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020).

**Staff Team**

Thank you for all your very kind messages of thanks and support over the past few weeks. The staff team are working incredibly hard to support children (at home and at school). Your emails, telephone messages and posts are truly appreciated by the whole team. We miss you all very much and it is lovely to hear that we are able to help and support, even at a distance.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Please remember you can email or call us if you need help with anything.

Stay safe and well.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Manda George  
Headteacher