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Dear parents and carers,

Re: update

Parent and carer survey

Thank you to those of you who have completed the survey this week. It is clear that many of you would like your children to return to school but need to feel reassured that appropriate safety measures are in place. You had lots of helpful questions and I must thank you for your overwhelming support for the school. Large numbers of you commented on your appreciation of the work we have been doing and there is a shared understanding of the complexity of the current situation and the need for careful consideration before a potential increase in numbers. We are very keen to hear your views and your feedback will form an integral part of our risk assessment process. The survey will remain open until **Tuesday 26th May** so there is still time for you to take part. Please see the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GGQ2ZTL>

Please be aware that the survey will not be available for part of the day tomorrow as there is essential maintenance work taking place on the website. I will be analysing the results once the survey has been completed and will be able to share the outcomes with you next week.

Lewisham Council

We have been in regular communication with the Local Authority throughout the preparation for schools opening more widely. This afternoon I received the final version of agreed risk assessment documentation which has been prepared centrally. You can find more information regarding the council's response to coronavirus and links to the latest government guidance about schools here:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-closures>

Dates for wider opening

Torridon **will not** be opening to additional year groups in the week beginning 1st June. The earliest date that additional children will be invited back to school will be **Monday 8th June 2020** and this will only happen if guidance from the government, Public Health England and the outcomes of our risk assessment process indicate that it is as safe as possible to do so. Torridon is a very large school with a complex site, high levels of children with Special Educational Needs

and a specialist Resource Base for children with autism. These additional factors impact on the necessary planning for safety aspects such as social distancing and it is essential that all aspects of the health and safety requirements are addressed thoroughly.

I will continue to keep you updated of our plans on a regular basis. I understand that it may feel frustrating that a definitive date for children to return has not yet been identified but there are a large number of things to be considered. Thank you for your patience.

Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

School will be closed on bank holiday Monday but will remain open throughout the half term period for children of key workers and vulnerable children. If you think your child is eligible and you would like him/her to attend school, please email us at:

admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Half Term Activities

This week has been National Mental Health Awareness week. Now more than ever it is so important that we are taking care of our mental health and emotional wellbeing and that of our families. The theme this year has been 'kindness'. We will be sending you a menu of 'kindness activities' for you to complete with your children and signposting some helpful websites and organisations to support wellness and positivity.

Thank a Teacher Day

Thank you to all who sent cards, letters, gifts and kind wishes to school staff this week. We are all missing the children terribly and it was really heartwarming to receive your lovely messages.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Very best wishes



Manda George
Headteacher