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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children

Re-opening Oasis Academy Nunsthorne

I hope you and your family are well. I am writing to you today with an update about the Government decision to open up our school to more children from June 1st.

As you will know from the Government briefings, there are NO PLANS to open schools up to the year groups that you have children in.

To open during the coronavirus outbreak means we have had to make lots of changes to our building and how we work. We are following guidance from the Government and the Oasis Community Learning Trust, to make sure it is safe for us to be together and limit the chance of spreading the virus.

The number of children we can open for is limited in two ways:

- **The changes that we are making at the Academy:** we need to create big spaces between chairs in classrooms, to ensure that at drop-off and pick-up everyone has enough space, and to make sure that everyone has access to sinks across the day to wash their hands regularly.
- **Staffing numbers:** some of our team will need to work from home to protect vulnerable members of their family, and others will be working from home to ensure we can continue our online teaching for those children who cannot come to school.

This means we are only able to open for a small number of children, and we are currently not offering places to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

As directed by the Government, we are prioritising the children of key workers and children who are eligible for additional support (such as those with Health Care Plans or a Social Worker).

This means that, even if your children are in Y2-Y5, you may already have received a letter from us, offering your child a place.

I am so sorry that we are not able to welcome most of our children back to the Academy at this time but I know that you understand the situation we are in. We will of course continue to provide home learning.

We are missing them all such a lot, and can't wait to have our school family back together again!

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during this time, and the support you are showing the school team. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or if we can help you in any way. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Katie McGuire
Principal, Oasis Academy Nunsthorne