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Dear Parent/Carers of 6Mc,

I hope that you and your families are well.

There is much speculation around the timescale of children returning to school. Things may become clearer on Thursday after the daily press release, but who knows? It is a difficult time and like you, I also have a Y6 child ready to transition into a new school, so I fully understand that this situation is far from ideal. However, I also understand the concerns of returning to school too early.

I have been approached by a member of the BBC Breakfast team who want to do a short video with a Y6 class. They would like to ask the children some questions about the possibility of returning to school and what their thoughts are. Some may be happy, some may be sad! They would also like to speak to some parents/carers about the possible return to school. These questions will be asked via Zoom, Skype or Facetime, so there is no need to worry about social distancing.

Here is the email I received prior to speaking to the lady on the telephone:

Mr Daniels

I have to make a film to air on MONDAY about the phased re-opening of schools.

We'd LOVE to find ONE YEAR SIX CLASS to focus our attention around.

We know your school has in the past helped facilitate filming so fingers crossed you can help this time!

Can you find out -

- Which year 6 kids would be happy to go on telly with their parents consent? (not all would have to speak to me any one too shy could just give me a wave and not feel left out!)
- Which year 6 parents would be happy to do a wee follow up chat with me?
- Who in this group has access to skype or zoom or facetime?
- Can I also have a contact number for these families?

The kinds of questions I'd like to ask are how people feel about the possibility of going back? Have they had enough of home schooling and are desperate to get back to normality? How do they feel their kids have coped with lockdown? Or are they concerned about safety?

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Are there year 6 kids who have been going to school the whole time because their parents are key workers? Are they mad keen to get their pals back in? Are there parents concerned about kids going back because of other vulnerable adults in the family group?

There are so many different scenarios to consider!

We'd love to chat to you ofcourse, as well as the year 6 teacher.

I'm hoping to start filming this on Thursday this week.

I've everything crossed! The more we can get on camera the better.

Please could you email me asap with the following details (by 5pm today please due to tight timescales) **only if you are interested** in being part of the documentary.

- Your name and child's name
- If you have access to Zoom or Skype
- If you would be willing to have a follow up chat with the producer
- Your consent to your child taking part.
- Your contact telephone number (and email if possible)

If you send me these details I will then forward them on to the BBC production team.

Please send your responses ASAP to <u>head@stelizabethscps.org.uk</u>. The lady would like to use our school, but this is dependent on the number of responses she receives.

Many thanks

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