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Dear parents,

As always, I hope you and your families are all well. Following yesterday's announcement by the government, about the full opening of schools, I thought I would put this into context for all of us at Broadbottom.

In my previous letter about the initial stages of wider opening, I mentioned the challenge of extending this to the whole school for the last four weeks.

This has never been a possibility for us under the current guidance and unless there was a change, simply would not happen.

Whilst, I am hugely disappointed that there will be no changes to the guidance and as such, we won't be able to welcome back all our pupils before we break for summer, I am also relieved that there has been a recognition of the practical impossibility of this request.

We will continue to care for key worker children, whilst we await further guidance from the local authority, following the postponement of wider opening. Again, it leaves us with no definitive answer of the next steps and so the best I can do is keep in touch as soon as I am informed of any changes.

(If you haven't seen the letter from the authority on the postponement, this can be viewed from the school website)

Over the next couple of weeks, I have asked the class teachers to touch base with all our pupils, you can expect a short phone call, so staff and pupils can have a little chat.

In terms of September, we are awaiting clarity from central government and the DFE, in the meantime we continue to prepare for beyond the summer, to welcome our children back.

My aim is to continue to keep in touch with any updates and just to say that we are all missing you terribly. The whole staff is desperate for us to return to normal and have our children back with us at school.

Sending each and everyone of you my best wishes and continued good health and lots of love from everyone at school.

Take care

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'J M Marrow'.

Mrs J Marrow
Acting Headteacher

