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Dear Villagers

I am sure that you will be aware from the news that schools are re-opening to certain year groups from June 1st.

Since the Lockdown, St Giles' could have been open for eligible keyworker children. However, the guidance at the time was that children are safer at home if possible. My eligible families were able to look after children at home so therefore, St Giles' closed.

The Governments message has now changed and so we have opened for Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and keyworker children. A small number of children have returned so far but I anticipate that this number will grow over the next few weeks.

To ensure everyone is as safe as possible, there are a number of new measures in place to control parking, dropping off and collecting from school. I have placed signs at each car park to direct parents. Parents must park in the designated car park and not on the roads. This is safer and social distancing can be better maintained. The school entrances are marked with painted directions on the floor and signs, similar to a supermarket.

Government guidance states that we are all safer outdoors and I have asked teachers to make use of the playing field, school field and footpaths so you will see groups out and about around the village. We are trying our best to maintain distance although this is difficult with young children. The Government says it has taken this in to account when taking their decision for schools to return. It is though, certainly a lower risk to be outside. Therefore, please be aware that there will be children around during the day on the roads, on footpaths and on the field.

I am grateful for your understanding at this difficult time and we will endeavour to do all we can to be good neighbours.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Nichols
Executive Headteacher