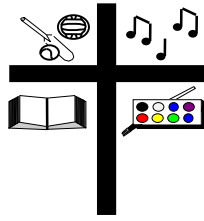


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Dear Parents

Sunday 7th June 2020

We hope you and your families are keeping well and safe. Staff continue to do all they can for the children and families of our school community, onsite and at home.

Parents should continue to use staff emails for contacting teachers or school email or telephone for contacting school.

Staff are preparing children's reports which will be sent to you electronically in July. It seems really strange to us all that we are not planning the church garden fete or arranging trips for our classes.

We have received the School Games Mark Recognition and Award to acknowledge our commitment to school Sport for Autumn 2019 and Spring 2020. A great achievement.

It is with regret that the Governors and I have **made the decision to further delay the wider opening of our school beyond the 8th June 2020** having updated our Risk Assessments following 2 new pieces of information confirmed yesterday.

- We have been informed that the Track and Trace system operating in the Local Authority (Cheshire West and Chester is an early user of this as part of a national trial) for confirmed coronavirus cases is not yet up and running at the capacity expected and required.
- We have seen the publication of the 'R' number in the North West being one the highest in the country and above 1.0. This indicates that the transmission rate of COVID-19 infection is increasing in our locality.

Therefore, the 5 tests set out by the Government as needing to be met before wider opening can safely take place, have not been met.

As a school, we are extremely frustrated with this information only coming to light over the weekend and the implications it has on the planned opening of our school. I fully understand that children and their families will be disappointed with this - I know how you feel, but safety must come first.

We have worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to ensure our school is safe and ready to open: we have worked to set up our classrooms/bubbles, we have followed all the Government guidance, having thoroughly risk assessed all aspects of our practise.

However, there is a difference in being READY and it being SAFE: what is out of our control is

the NHS Test and Trace system and the analysis of R values. This lies at a Local Authority level and at Government level.

We will look to review the information we have in the coming days in order to support our risk assessments for wider opening which at first will be to Year 6.

Year 6 children **MUST NOT** attend school tomorrow Monday 8th June, unless as a keyworker pupil. We will continue to open for our key worker and vulnerable children as we have been since the end of March.

When we are able to potentially open for Reception and Year 1 pupils we will advise you accordingly. Year 2,3,4 and 5 you are also in our thoughts.

In some circumstances, the school may decide, with the support of the Local Authority, to isolate a 'bubble' earlier than the national guidance would indicate prior to the outcome of a test result being known, as Test and Trace is still so early in its implementation.

We will be continually reviewing our practises and adding any further measures as needed.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Bramwell

Senior Teacher