

A Multi Academy Company

-Together as one community with Christ at the centre -



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Stanier Street Newcastle Staffordshire ST5 2SU

Monday 11th May 2020

Dear Parents and Cares.

I write to you this morning following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday at 7pm which indicated the plan of a phased return opening of primary schools to pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on the 1st of June. I am certain that this announcement will have raised many questions and concerns for you all.

I would like to offer my reassurance to you that the school will only be opened once a thorough risk assessment has been undertaken to ensure that the safety of all children, staff and families is met. The risk assessment will explore many crucial factors which will determine the level of safety in opening the school to an increased number of pupils, such as, how to adapt the building so that children can social distance in the classroom and around the school, to managing an increase in the cleaning regime and social distancing at drop off and pick up times to name but a few of the considerations. Such adaptations were made at the beginning of the lockdown for the children of key workers who have been attending the school since 23rd March however with an increase in the number of children within the school building such measures will need to be reviewed and further measures introduced.

I appreciate that the uncertainty surrounding future planning remains difficult for us all, but know that like us, you will want to ensure that every step is taken to so that school is as safe as possible for all members of our school community as we take these tentative steps towards a phased re-opening.

May I take this opportunity to offer some clarity that in the short term nothing has changed - our school remains closed to all pupils, other than those children whose parents are Keyworkers and who have previously booked childcare provision. If you are a non-key worker planning on returning to work, please be mindful that we are not currently in a position to allow your child into school at this point until we receive further notice.

The announcement which was made yesterday offered light details of the phased opening. I would like to reassure you that I will inform you of any changes, as well as our initial plans regarding any planned phased return to our school, (potentially from June 1st) once we have received further guidance from both the Government and the Local Authority.

Until then I am unable to offer any further details other than to say thank you for your patience, understanding and support in a time of great uncertainty.













www.ctkcc.co.uk | tel: 01782 976176 | ctkcc@ctkcc.co.uk



A Multi Academy Company

-Together as one community with Christ at the centre -



Headteacher: Mrs D Mellor www.stmarycatholicprimary.co.uk 01782 619685 office.stm@ctkcc.co.uk St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Stanier Street Newcastle Staffordshire ST5 2SU

Please continue to remain safe.

God Bless,

Mrs Mellor -Headteacher











