



Dear Parents/Carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last night, we thought we would contact all parents/carers to set out our current position.

The directive to open schools to the very youngest pupils was unexpected. No formal guidance has as yet been received; we are unable to make firm plans for re-opening for pupils in Reception and Year 1 on 1st June 2020.

We will be liaising with staff, the Local Authority, parents and unions to establish the safest way to re-open. We want to be very clear that, whilst the Prime Minister has said that those who cannot work from home should return to work, there is no change in the current position for schools which is that schools remain closed for all except a minority of children of Critical Workers and children who are considered to be vulnerable for example, those who have a social worker. If you are working from home (this includes keyworkers) your child/children should remain at home with you.

We are afraid that this means that we cannot accommodate requests for childcare. We also fully appreciate that even if there is a phased return to schools, those of you with children in year groups other than those in Reception and Year 1 will still have difficulty with childcare and we will be unable to support you with this. I know that this is extremely difficult for families. Our staff are all in the same position and we fully understand how stressful this situation can be. Staff share all of your concerns.

As soon as any further information is made available, we will contact you via email and our website. We are sorry we are unable to offer more information, but I am sure you understand our current predicament.

Your ongoing support and patience is very much appreciated. Stay safe and well.

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