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Dear Parents

Possible re-opening of our school on 1st June

On Monday the 11th May the Government and the Department for Education (DfE) published guidance following the announcement by the Prime Minister on 10th May of the potential for some relaxation of the current COVID-19 restrictions with regard to schools opening from 1st June 2020.

As a school we will be guided first and foremost by what is safe. Nothing will override the duty that we hold to protect the lives of our children, our staff and all of our families. This means that we will gradually open up the school so that we are able to do everything possible to keep everyone as safe as we can.

The first phase for return on 1st June will be to welcome back our Reception children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Nursery children who are aged 3-4 years will then be welcomed back to school on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th June.

At the end of the first week we will then be able to consider if we are able to safely offer another year group to return back to school. The Government's view is that children in Early Years, Reception, Year One and Year Six should be the first groups who return to school. We will communicate with you next Friday via email.

In "Actions for education and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020" a document produced by the Government it states: "We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff." Holy Family staff also believe this to be true and therefore we cannot guarantee that we will be able, even with protective measures, be able to keep your child safe.

The decision to allow your child to return is up to you as parents - please be advised that parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time. I enclose the first draft of our pupil Risk Assessment - this is a dynamic document and is likely to be adapted over the coming weeks.

We need to know as soon as possible what your decision is about returning to school for Reception and Nursery pupils, please can you make contact with Ms Shelts via email on bursar@holy-family.lancs.sch.uk next week. If you would like to discuss this further, please do make contact with school via your child's class teacher.

Very best wishes to you all

J Westray

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