



Red Marsh School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to express my sincere thanks to all our families who are supporting school through these very strange and challenging times. I wanted to let you know how much we want all our children to return to school as soon as it is safe to do so.

As a school we hope to plan for full opening in September however, we have to follow Government and Lancashire County Council guidance. Unfortunately this guidance is only shared with us at the same time as you receive updated reports. Like you we often find out the information initially via the television or social media. This makes it difficult for us to plan as the guidance changes frequently, often on a daily basis.

I share this with you in the hope it explains why we are not able to provide every family with a clear timeline for their child's return to school. I can however, reassure you that as soon as it is possible to give you a date for when we are able to welcome your child back, you will be informed.

School totally supports those parents who want their children to remain safely at home.

Following Lancashire's announcement regarding the wider opening of schools from Monday 22nd June, we have today reviewed our whole school risk assessment and feel we are ready to move to Phase 2 of our wider re-opening for identified pupils.

We will be increasing numbers slowly, reviewing every two weeks to identify whether it is safe to offer more pupils a place in school. All places will be allocated on a part time basis. This is necessary to reduce the number of pupils and adults in the building at any one time.

If your child has been allocated a place for two days in wave 2, then you will be notified by a phone call over the next 24 hours.

It is very important to understand, due to the needs of the children that attend Red Marsh School and the number of staff needed to support our pupils **we cannot socially distance within school**. We will therefore try to operate, as far as possible, an environment where pupils are part of a 'social bubble'.

The whole school risk assessment and procedures for the wider opening of school are all available on our school website under the new tab Covid-19. Before your child is able to return to school you will be asked to read, agree and follow the procedures for 'Children Returning to School'. When your child is allocated a place and you will be required to sign to say you have read and understood the procedures.

The pupils returning to school in wave 2 have been identified using our risk assessment from the list of pupils whose parents have requested a place, if possible, in school before September. The risk assessment is updated each week following our phone call with parents.

If there has been no reported incidents of Covid-19 and we are able to safely do so we will increase numbers again on the 06th July 2020.

I hope you and your families are all keeping well . Best Wishes Catherine