

Update: Wednesday, 13th May 2020

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Dear Families,

COVID19 Potential Re-opening of Schools

As you will have seen, UK Government is considering the phased return of certain year groups from 1st June 2020: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and limited contact for Year 10.

Confirmation is very much dependent on the '5 Key Tests' set by UK Government justifying the opening of schools to a wider group of children.

Be assured we will not open until such confirmation has been received. If it is, we will follow all available guidance to ensure the health, safety and well-being of returning children, young people and adults.

Together with colleagues from across Aquinas, we are planning for a phased return of children, taking into account the guidance on social distancing, personal hygiene and health and safety. There are many considerations to ensure a safe return for everyone. This work will take some time so please bear with us – we will be in contact as soon as we are able to confirm our plan.

During this period we are being led and supported by the trust, following a detailed recovery plan. Families are central to our planning of the next phase. Therefore, it would be helpful to let us know whether you are intending to send your child to school IF we were to reopen after 1st June.

Please submit your views online by Monday, 18th May at www.tinyurl.com/RyeReopenSurvey.

Information gathered will only be used for planning purposes.

We will write to you next week to confirm arrangements for half-term (Monday, 25th to Friday, 29th May). UK Government's aim is a partial reopening of schools from 1st June but the actual decision will be reliant on the review of the '5 Key Tests' by government on **Thursday, 28th May 2020**.

In the meantime, further information for parents on the re-opening of educational settings can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june.

Be assured the safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount and we will communicate further details as soon as they have been confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support – we are here if you need us.

We remain in your service.

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