



# Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

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Dear parents,

I expect you may well have seen that our Director of Public Health Dr Karunanthi issued updated advice yesterday re the Covid-19 situation in Lancashire in which he stated:

*"I am now satisfied that there no longer needs to be blanket advice given to Lancashire's schools to delay reopening to more pupils. We are seeing encouraging signs that there is a reduction in the rate of new infections and thankfully there are now fewer deaths from this virus – but it is important to stress that the prevalence of coronavirus is still higher in Lancashire than elsewhere in the country so the room for manoeuvre is limited.*

*"Each school should now take into account their own individual circumstances to determine if they can welcome more pupils to Covid-secure schools from 22 June. There are a number of factors they must consider and one of the most critical is whether or not they are able to introduce effective measures to encourage social distancing.*

*"That is also important advice for us all. This virus has not gone away, and there is still a risk that we will face a second peak. That makes it vital for us to maintain social distancing, wash our hands regularly and, if contacted by NHS Test and Trace, follow the instructions given. Failure to do this could see some of the measures to ease restrictions on our lives reversed, and could lead to more people dying of coronavirus."*

The Government also issued updated advice last night which has been duly read and digested! Following this we have completed a revised risk assessment in consultation with the Chair of Governors, and are now in the position of being able to offer a slightly extended range of provision. We will once again be following the government's criteria and prioritising key worker, vulnerable children, YR, Y1 and Y6. Although we have been having vulnerable and key worker children in school, we had not yet been able to offer whole year groups.

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, we propose to welcome back the whole of Reception class. Depending upon the number of reception children who take up this offer, this may be full time or possibly part-time due to space and staffing constraints. Government guidance remains that the maximum number of EYFS in a room should be 16, with groups of 8 being the preferred number, as of course social distancing is completely impossible with small children. We also aim to welcome back Year 1 on a part time basis, again working within our space and staffing constraints. We are also working towards welcoming back all of Y6, although this will not be until nearer the end of term.

Please note, we will be continuing to offer places to vulnerable and key worker children in the whole range of year groups as we are currently doing. The bubble system currently in operation will remain, and although all of YR are being offered places, they will not all be together in one class/bubble- and also may not be taught by Mrs Browne. This also applies to Y1.

We know that it will be very disappointing for parents of children who are not in the vulnerable/key worker/priority year group categories. We are also very sad that we cannot accommodate everyone at this time. Please be assured that we will continue to support home learning through providing the packs, even though all teachers are now back in school full time.

The government guidance makes it very clear that *"Schools should ascertain if parents want to take up the offer, making it clear that if they indicate that they do not, or do not respond, schools may offer this capacity to another pupil, in which case they won't subsequently be able to take up a place this term."*

Therefore, if you have a child/ren currently in school under vulnerable/key worker criteria, or you wish to accept a place under the YR, Y1 criteria, please complete and return the attached form. (NB there is no need for key workers currently accessing provision to prove eligibility again!) We will be in touch with parents of Y6 children again by 30<sup>th</sup> June to confirm arrangements for Y6 returning towards the end of this term for some transition work.





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I am pleased to say that Marie Smith, MD of Scotforth After School Club has informed me that she may be also able to provide breakfast and after school care for our vulnerable/key worker and priority year group children.

Please complete and return the relevant section of this form by **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm** if you wish your child in the groups below to access school between 22.6.20 and the end of term. We will confirm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>.

Name of Child (Key worker/Vulnerable Child currently accessing Provision)	Year Group	Days of Week	Interested in Breakfast Club? (Confirm with Marie Smith)	Interested in After School Club?(Confirm with Marie Smith)

Name of Child	Year R	Accept Full Time Place? (Yes/No)	Interested in Breakfast Club? (Confirm with Marie Smith)	Interested in After School Club? (Confirm with Marie Smith)

Name of Child	Y1	Accept PT place, 9:00am-1.00pm	Interested in Breakfast Club? (Confirm with Marie Smith)	Interested in After School Club? (Confirm with Marie Smith)

Finally, we are anxious, as I am sure you all must be, to understand the national plans for September, particularly for children currently in Y2,Y3, Y4 and Y5. As soon as there is any clarity, we will be in touch. In the meantime, thank you for all that you are doing to support your children in these most unusual of times. We know that they are resilient and fabulous young people, and whilst we are glad to have been able to welcome some back already, will be delighted when we can all be together again.

Yours sincerely,

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