

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope you are safe and well.

As I am sure you are aware yesterday the Prime Minister announced his plan to partially open primary schools after half term. To be honest I am quite shocked, I expected Year 6 but also Year 5; the Reception and Year 1 is a surprise. This is mainly because on initial thoughts it will be very difficult to manage. The younger the children the more difficult it is to socially distance.

However we will respond to the Government's plan and we will look at the detail and logistics as they come out. Lots of factors will need to be considered, start times, lunches and picks ups etc but also how many children and staff can safely be in each classroom. I do not think, if social distancing is still a priority, we can have more than 10 children with staff in each room. As ever we will plan carefully and be in contact with you when we have a clearer picture. In addition we have to take into account the wishes of parents and carers. I already know some of you will not want to send your children to school. I will be in touch to discuss this with you when we know the full details.

In the meantime we continue to be open for children of frontline key workers. The list has not changed and we will continue only to accept children where both parents are working in key industries. Although the PM has said some people can return to work this week, ie construction workers, these are not key to the frontline battle against Covid – 19.

I did send a text about the new home learning guidance for week 8, if you did not receive it the new work is here - <https://www.st-hughlincoln.trafford.sch.uk/parents/carers/home-learning>.

As ever we are here if you need us – please get in touch either on the school phone or email. And please keep sending in pictures and work, it is great seeing how you are all getting on.

Stay safe, stay well.

God bless

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