

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Impact of COVID-19

As we move into the final few weeks of this academic year, I would like to thank you for your care, caution and willingness to work with the guidance around keeping our children, families and staff, safe - a real achievement through such unprecedented times.

You will be aware that the Government is doing all it can to enable the economy to recover and is removing some of the lock-down conditions and reducing the social distancing to one metre in July. Whilst we fully understand this agenda, the Executive Directors at REACH2 have made the decision to retain the many safety procedures put in place within REACH2 schools during COVID-19, including the 2-metre social distancing, until the end of the summer term. Our procedures are working well and our staff have worked tirelessly to set up the school to ensure the safety of everyone within it and we do not want to let go of this with just two weeks till the end of term – safety has to remain our number one priority.

However, this will mean that many of our children will be unable to return to school before the summer break and we are aware that many staff, parents and children alike, will be disappointed with this decision, I can assure you that this decision has not been taken lightly.

In September 2020 we intend to open our schools on the first day of term, to all children, as long as it is safe to do so. This decision will be reviewed by the Executives Directors, taking into account the national and local position with COVID-19.

Over the next few weeks our school leaders will continue to communicate with you regarding arrangements for the end of this academic year and the beginning of the 2020/21 academic year providing you with a picture of what measures will be in place to continue to keep your children safe as we re-open our doors in September for all pupils.

I am sure you will join me in thanking your school leaders and staff for their hard work over what has been a very challenging year.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Lancashire', written in a cursive style.

Sir Steve Lancashire

Chief Executive Officer