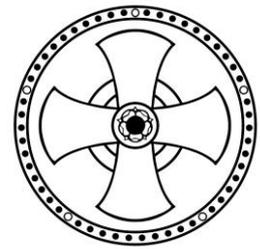




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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to those who have responded to our survey requesting information on whether you were considering sending your child(ren) into school from the start of June. I'd also like to pass my thanks to those of you who have contacted me explaining your decision – I have been constantly moved by your support throughout this episode and am keen that our communication with you should remain regular, so you are aware of my thinking and plans.

The announcement on Sunday evening has since been augmented by other pieces of advice and documentation – in fact there's specific guidance for parents and carers here; published by the government:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

You'll also be aware that news coverage about widening the opening of schools is all over the media with different unions, health care professionals, journalists and MP's wading in and giving their views. Whilst this can be interesting; it has rarely provided any real clarity and there are still questions that remain unanswered. All the time these issues remain unresolved hampers the time that schools actually have to prepare. I'm told that the final decision on schools 'opening' will be taken on May 29th which is, at the most, three days before schools are due to return to those R, 1 and 6 year groups, plus the key worker and vulnerable children for whom the school has been open continually since March 23rd. You'll also be aware that May 29th is a Friday, which makes any communication with you much more difficult as school will be closed over the weekend and staff will be with their own families.

To this end; I'm going to open the school on June 1st to Key Worker Children only and thereby maintain the INSET Day as scheduled on our calendar.

Should the medical evidence presented on that Friday 29th May provide us with answers that allow the school to open, I will communicate with you in good time with further details and clarity on Monday, June 1st before noon – after I have been able to confirm details with staff.

You'll also be unsurprised to know that, even in my initial planning, it's really clear that school wouldn't be back to normal; even in terms of start times and breaks and lunches. I'll leave the exact details of this for a future letter, rather than outline things here which may well be subject to further alterations. Thank you again for your continued support in all this: it is greatly appreciated. I'll be in touch either later this week or early next, when I know more.

God bless,

Kind regards,

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