

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I hope you all had a wonderful and peaceful weekend.

Once again, I must thank you for your patience during this challenging time.

I am sure you have been in communication with friends and family about the partial re-opening of schools, sharing questions and concerns. I am aware that other schools have asked parents whether they would send their children back to school from 1st June. We have decided against completing a survey at this point as we will plan for a scenario of half classes (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) coming back from the 1st June on a weekly rota. With further guidance being released each day and Government updates about COVID-19 I felt that you may not be able to decide now as to whether you send your child/children back to school. Especially when you do not know the detail of our plans to keep your children safe.

This week I will be working through our completed risk assessment with Governors and staff. Once the risk assessment has been formally agreed, I will share it with you, and I may then ask if you would send your child/children back to school from 1st June. Please note, that this potential date will only be for our Key Worker children, half of the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

It remains an unsettling time for us all, but rest assured we will be doing everything we can to make sure we are ready to safely welcome back the children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from the 1st June. It remains highly likely that the children will return on a part time basis (one week in school and one week at home). It is also likely that the school will be closed for children on a Wednesday afternoon (apart from key worker children) to enable further cleaning to take place. There will be a staggered return to school and staggered drop off and collection times for the classes mentioned above. The reason behind all of this being, we need a sustainable plan to ensure we can welcome back the other classes (still on a part time basis) when instructed to by the Government.

I want to stress that I will support the decision you make about sending your child/children back to school from 1st June. If you decided to continue to keep your child/children at home you would have my full support, as we have said all along during this pandemic, every family situation is different and we all want to do the very best for our children and families.

I thought I would include the guidance I shared last week for you:

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



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I am in school Monday to Friday should you need to speak to me about anything – please do call the school or email admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk with any questions you may have about the re-opening. Please ask me the questions, rather than worrying about it. I may not have all the answers, but I will endeavour to find out for you!

Please note that **school will be closed to ALL children (Key Worker families – please check previous communication, if your child requires a setting, please let me know as a matter of urgency so I can arrange this for you) during half term w/b 25th May**. Staff will be in school during half term (not Bank Holiday Monday) to prepare for the phased re-opening.

Once again, I cannot thank you, staff, or governors enough for the support and prayers over the last few months. I always knew our school community was wonderful, and these last few months have further strengthened this view!

Please continue to use our school website should you need it to support home learning and continue to send in your photos for us to share with the whole school community.

God Bless and stay safe



Miss Puccio
Headteacher



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