



The Learning for Life Partnership



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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure that you will have seen the update from Boris Johnson last night and you will have lots of questions about what the announcement means for your children. We, as a group of schools, also have lots of questions about how we are expected to open.

At the moment there is no change to the guidance that we are currently using and therefore we will not be changing our approach until further guidance is issued. We are committed to providing care for children whose parents work is critical to the COVID-19 response, and only as a last resort. The message is still the same, it is safer for your children to be at home than in school and those children who can stay at home should.

We have not had any further guidance from the Department for Education and only know the same as you in terms of the announcement last night. We hope over the coming days that we will receive clear and detailed advice as to how we are going to open. We hope that this guidance will tell us how we can open to more children and at the same time keep your children, staff members and therefore all of our school communities safe.

We are working hard to look at how we can open our buildings to more children as safely as possible. This will mean that when more children come into the schools they will have different routines and school may feel very different for the children. As I am sure you can all appreciate social distancing is incredibly difficult within a school and we need the scientific advice on what measures we need to adopt.

As we get more information and as any plan becomes clearer we will send out more information to you. Please remember that the most important thing for all of our staff is to keep everyone, especially the children, safe and healthy.

Please remember that there is currently not a definite plan to open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on the 1st of June, this is potentially what will happen, as long as it is safe to do so and as long as the government tests for this are met. There is no plan currently on how this will happen and therefore I would ask you to wait for information to be sent to you as school leaders have no further information to give at this current time.

I want to thank you all for your support in these incredibly difficult times.

Take care and keep safe,

Dan Thomas
CEO