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20th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

I know you will have seen in the news that schools can prepare for re-opening from 1 June for some pupils if the Government thinks it's safe to do so.

At Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust we are preparing our schools for some wider re-opening although it is unlikely to involve all age groups. Our priority is the health, wellbeing and safety for all of our pupils and staff during these unprecedented times; therefore, we are currently working on detailed action plans and risk assessments. Precautions we will be taking include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Ensuring pupils and staff with any coronavirus symptoms remain at home for the full isolation period (this applies if any person within the household has any symptoms).

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school.

I want to reassure you that we are not going to be pressurising parents or carers to send their children to school. This is a decision you need to make and there will be no implications for non-attendance at the current time.

Our intention is that pupils in Reception and Year 6 will return to school on Monday 8 June 2020, but I must stress this will only happen if the Government give clear direction that it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, we are still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we are not in a position to extend places to other children until we receive further Government guidance.

I need to stress that you and your family should be following Government guidelines in terms of social distancing. Children who do not social distance in the community will pose a risk for staff and other pupils and therefore will not be able to take up their place in school at this time.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping your child learn from home. I will keep you updated once I know more about when schools will be able to reopen for other year groups.





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If your child is to remain at home beyond 8 June, we will continue to support you and them with home learning, and meal support for those eligible. Please keep in touch and if you have any questions, please contact school.

If your child is currently in Reception or Year 6, I will be contacting you again to explain our arrangements more fully.

Yours sincerely

S. C. Sinclair

Sheena Sinclair
Head teacher

