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Dear Parents and Carers,

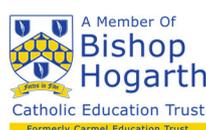
### An update on school re-opening

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our school families who have been simply amazing over these recent weeks and months. It is hard to believe that, for some of our families it has been 12 weeks since we last saw you. It has been such a blessing that the wonders of modern technology have helped keep us connected and I have enjoyed hearing about and seeing the wonderful home learning that has taken place along with the many new skills and talents children and families have discovered.

For other families, the current situation has meant that you have put your complete trust in us, allowing us to care for your children during this most difficult of times. As always, the children have been a pleasure to have in school and have adapted wonderfully to new routines, people and situations. They have certainly brightened many a day.

There is no doubt, that everyone's experience of the Covid-19 Pandemic will have been different: for many of you it will have meant continuing to work and accessing school provision as key worker parents; for others it will have meant juggling working from home whilst continuing to care for your children and becoming experts in home education. Other families may have experienced changing financial circumstances through furlough or redundancy. All of us have undoubtedly also experienced the absence of loved ones and essential human connection. This time has rightly been described as 'unprecedented' and I am sure we have all managed and adapted the best that we can.

You will be aware that from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June we look forward to welcoming more children from Reception and Year 6, as well as our key worker and vulnerable children. This means that, from Monday, we are operating 8 separate bubbles of children who will access school provision. You will know from my previous letters that this has had to be managed and planned in a very careful way to ensure that safety comes first so that the risk of the spread of Covid-19 is reduced. It has taken an incredible amount of work to get to where we are now and I would like to thank you again for your patience and understanding. My St Paul's team of colleagues have continued to support me in the organisation of this enormous task whilst also continuing to be present in school to care for key worker and vulnerable children, remotely teach your children from their own homes and in some situations also home educate their own children! I think we will all agree that a juggling act has been called for; I deeply appreciate the incredible people who are part of our St Paul's School family.





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Of course, for many of our families this current time of home learning continues. You are unable to send your children back into school as you are not classified under the government's current definition as key workers and nor do we have the capacity to welcome other year groups back to school under the current restrictions. I can only imagine how frustrating this will be and how difficult it makes your home situation. We await further announcements from the Government and Department for Education regarding next steps and wider re-opening.

In the meantime, I ask you to keep in touch with your child's class teacher through the continued use of Seesaw if your child is not attending school. Of course, our teachers will now be in school teaching the bubbles of children attending, so you will find that they are unable to be as prompt as they have been in responding to work, but please do ensure your child keeps up with home learning the best you can. We will continue to review this arrangement so it is manageable for everyone.

I will continue to keep you informed of future developments. I also continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

Y ours sincerely

Head teacher

