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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Further Opening of School

Last week the Lancashire Director of Public Health advised schools, and other early years settings, that it was not yet safe in Lancashire to reopen to more children from Monday 1st June. This advice currently remains unchanged and will be reviewed on Monday 8th June. If it changes, schools will be encouraged to take the decision to reopen to more pupils from 15th June. If the advice does not change, the guidance will be reviewed again on 15th June.

Our Governing Body, whilst confident about the internal changes, systems procedures and training that staff have worked hard on to implement, has made the decision to not open further to more children yet. We have always stated that whilst we would love to have all our children back, we shall only open the school further when it is safe to do so and the local Public Health advice is clear on this. As of the week commencing 8th June, school will remain open only to key worker and vulnerable children.

If you feel your role fits into the categories of key workers ascribed by the Government (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>) then do get in touch with the office or myself via phone or email. Where it is unclear if your role falls within the keyworker category, we may ask for proof.

Our plan, outlined on the letter on the 1st June, continues to be to welcome back Year 6 first when it is safe to do so. We will be able to give you advance notice of this with the Lancashire update due next Monday. Once our oldest children have returned, we will then be able to make the best decisions on further opening for our school.

I recognise that for some this decision may come as frustrating and I know many children were hopeful that they would be coming back to school as of next week. We hope the local Public Health advice released on Monday allows this to happen soon.

Mel MacKinnon

HEADTEACHER

