

Tuesday 9th June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

**Important Changes**

In the light of information about the ‘R’ rate in the Northwest region - and correspondence received on Friday evening and then Monday evening from the Local Authority regarding infection rates - we have decided to amend the return dates to reduce the numbers of children and staff at school.

This will enable us to keep a greater degree of social distancing for longer.

* **Children in the Reception and Nursery classes will not now return until Monday 22nd June at the earliest**
* Children in Year 6 will still return on Wednesday 10th June (tomorrow)
* It is expected that children in Year 1 will still return on Monday 15th June but this decision may be reviewed and parents will be informed by Friday 12th June at the latest
* Key worker provision is unaffected and will continue

We are disappointed to have had to make these late decisions and fully understand that the changes may cause difficulties. **However, all the decisions we make are based on putting the health and safety of children, staff and their families first.**

**The situation changes daily and we have to respond appropriately.**

We also found out via a news report at around midnight that the government has said that the children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 may not now return to school until the autumn term.

**In the light of the information about the ‘R’ rate, if you have decided to delay your child’s return in Year 6 and Year 1 we fully understand and support you in your decision. If this is the case, please let us know by telephoning or emailing the school.**

We feel that the decisions we are taking are the right ones for our school community at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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