

Thursday 28th May 2020

Update on the wider reopening of school from the 1st June

Dear Parents,

Last night, schools across Lancashire received the following advice from the local authority:

'Lancashire County Council is advising schools in the county not to open to more pupils from 1 June, but instead to continue with the current arrangements. This is because, in our assessment, we do not currently meet all five of the government's tests in Lancashire which would allow this decision to be taken safely.

We will regularly review the situation and provide further advice so that we can advise schools to open to more pupils as soon as we judge it safe to do so.

We are actively encouraging schools to follow this advice.'

This means that despite putting plans in place to open more widely for Reception and Year 1 pupils next week, we will no longer be able to do so. However, the only change to our original plans shared with parents on Tuesday 26th May, will be one Reception group instead of two. I want to stress that the statement above from Lancashire County Council **does not affect** children who have parents who are **critical workers** or those who are classed as **vulnerable**.

Children	Teacher(s)	Teaching space (Drop off / collection)
Reception group	Mrs Booth	Reception classroom
Y1 group	Mrs Robinson / Miss Lyon	Y1 classroom
Y2 group	Mr Andrew	Y3 classroom
Year 3 / 4 group	Mr Houghton / Mrs Taylor	Y4 classroom
Year 5 / 6 group	Mrs Massey / Mrs Boswell	Y5 classroom

Parents will be contacted today to clarify whether they have a place from Monday 1st June. The following groups, teachers and teaching spaces will continue to be used from Monday 1st June.

I realise this will be extremely frustrating for parents and deeply upsetting for children. We want as many of our children back as soon as possible but this decision will be based on the latest scientific information available from local and national government.

Staff will continue to support home learning with resources uploaded weekly onto our school website. Simply search for Mossgate Primary School and then click 'Home Learning' and then 'Summer 2 Home Learning' to access the plans and other resources for your child's year group. Mrs Elwers and Mrs Wannop will be responding to emails and posting photos of learning they receive on our Facebook page.

Thank you again for your support and understanding. If you have any questions or need any support or advice, then please do contact me at school either by email, phone or private FB message.

Stay safe and take care.

Mr Smith and the Mossgate team