

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and safe and still coping!

This is just to say that many of us will have watched Boris Johnson's address at 7.00 last night, Sunday 10 May, which suggested that schools could partly open from **Monday 1 June**, after the half term break. The year groups mentioned were Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This is a different message to the one in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. I do not have any more details on how schools partially opening will be managed practically and I am waiting to receive more information from the government. Once I have a clearer picture, I will communicate this with you. I expect this to come in the next few days.

For the moment **NOTHING HAS CHANGED AND SCHOOL IS CLOSED** except for key workers' children and vulnerable children. We have around 18 – 20 a day now with a small number of staff in to supervise. It is fair to say that social distancing in a school environment is almost impossible as children naturally gravitate towards each other. I think being in school and seeing children together gives us a true perspective on what is manageable.

Thank you for all your input with the home learning. We enjoy seeing your work on the website and it's clear that many of you are working hard, using the time productively. Chris Chamier Williams and I check the website every week and especially relish the work posted. It helps us feel more connected with our school community.

It's been a long 7 weeks since the lockdown with our previous way of being a different place. I miss the daily events like gate duty, assemblies, giving out headteacher's awards, visiting classrooms, admiring wall displays and the large number of human interactions inevitable in a busy school. Mine is a job with huge variety which both stimulates and rewards. I really look forward to a return to busy school life in due course. My thoughts are with our school community, every day.

Best wishes,
Liz Burton