



15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote to you at the beginning of the week to outline the actions we would be taking following the government announcement last weekend that there may be a phased opening of schools from 1st June. We have since learned that a final decision on the phased opening will be taken by the government on 28th May.

In the meantime we need to gather information, risk assess and put measures and safeguards in place and I am currently working on this with our Trust Health and Safety Officer and other colleagues across the Trust.

I am writing to you as I wanted to provide you with an update and some information as we go into the weekend.

The government continues to release guidance each day and so, while our risk assessment is underway, we are unable to finalise our plans to the point we can communicate them to you. We want to be accurate and factual and feel it would be wrong for us to issue statements and plans and then recall them while things are so changeable.

You will have received a questionnaire which will help us understand how many children might be taking a place from June. From that we will decide how we can best use our buildings and grounds during the phased opening and crucially, whether we can do this safely within the government guidelines (or even whether we have the facilities to do so while keeping you, your children and our staff safe; it might be that we have to restrict our opening).

**Please complete the questionnaire by Sunday 17th May.**

Whatever shape the phased opening takes, hygiene is the most important aspect of any measures we put in place. As a consequence, with this in mind, our critical worker parents should be aware that we need to close the school during half term in order to carry out deep cleans, rearrange classrooms, prepare the spaces and be able to put into place the measures.

In order to train staff in the new measures we will also be closing the school on Monday 1st June, in preparation for the potential re-opening of school on Tuesday 2nd June.

New government guidance released on 14th May states that we are not required to provide before and after school provision unless we can do so safely. Unfortunately, because of the way we are now being asked to group children, we will be unable to deliver these services within the guidelines and therefore will not be providing breakfast/after school club from 1st June. We understand that many of you rely on this provision but we must put safety first.



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I hope that this provides further reassurance of our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of every member of our All Saints Marsh family.

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