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Dear Parents,

Last Thursday, the Local Authority sent a clear message to all school leaders within the county regarding the possibility of opening the school for more pupils from June 1st. Here is part of their statement:

'Lancashire County Council is advising schools in the county not to open to more pupils from 1st 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.'

As this advice is based on the latest local medical advice and therefore for the safety of our whole community, we must adhere to it. This means that, plans to open for Year 6 pupils on Friday are being put on hold. We will now not be opening for more pupils, except for those who fit into the Key Worker and Vulnerable children group. It was hoped that by waiting until Monday, we may be able to give a projection of when we will open for Y6 but we have no further information.

Of course, we will continue to get plans ready for a future possible reopening. There are some changes being put into effect for our current pupils as our number of key worker and vulnerable children continue to grow. The school's risk assessments are being reviewed and added to and actions taking place. The school's deep clean has been completed over the half term and hand sanitisation stations installed. If your child attends currently and you haven't received updated guidance today, then please see the Covid 19 section of the school website.

Please bear with us and continue to support your child as much as possible over the next few weeks. Home Learning activities are being sent out by our wonderful teachers and please note that these same teachers will be trying to contact children this week and next to speak with them, again. Although it is not essential that children at home are completing *all* the home learning assigned by teachers, it is important that they are exercising their brain muscles as well as their bodies, completing tasks that interest them and involve writing, reading and maths and, as always, every child should read for pleasure, daily. Please let me know if there is no internet access at home or if there is no way to access the online learning and we can see if there is anything we can do.

Thank you once again for the wonderful support you are giving to your children and to the school and if you need to get in touch about anything school related, please do.

Stay safe, keep smiling and together we will win through.

John Ross, Headteacher
Tom Askew, Chair of Governors

