



18th May 2020

Dear Parent and Carer,

Proposed phased re-opening of schools on the 1st June 2020

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

I am writing to update you in relation to the proposed phased re-opening of schools within the St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust in response to the recent announcement by the Prime Minister.

As you will have seen in the news, the government is asking schools to re-open to pupils in Year 10 and Year 12 for some face-to-face time with their teachers before the summer holidays, subject to it being confirmed safe to do so.

I understand that this is a very unsettling and anxious time for everyone and so I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that the St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its school communities. This will remain our commitment as we undertake the planning stage of the phased re-opening of our schools.

The Trust has provided each school with a dynamic risk assessment and action planning document, based fully on the Department for Education published guidance and Public Health England advice, to support Headteachers to manage the phased reopening of their school. Your Headteacher will share a copy of the risk assessment with you as soon as possible so that you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice. The precautions we will be taking include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning.

If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to government guidance for further details of these groups.

We will keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible in-line with government guidelines and it is our intention to continue to plan for the wider re-opening of schools from 1st June 2020. **However, we will not make a final decision on whether to press ahead with the reopening of our schools until Thursday, 28th May 2020 when we understand the government will have reviewed the science and offered further guidance as to whether it is safe to do so.**

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In the meantime, the school remains open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know that some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but unfortunately we are not able to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

Thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We shall of course keep you updated once we know more about when schools will be able to reopen for other year groups.

If your child remains at home beyond 1st June 2020, we shall continue to support you and them with home learning, and meal support for those whom are eligible and we shall continue to stay in touch about how your child is getting on.

If you have any questions, please contact your Headteacher; Mrs R Le Caplain.

Best wishes,



Louise Wilson

Chief Executive Officer

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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