



# St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer,

## **Possible further reopening of schools to nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 –**

### **St Paulinus delayed until 8<sup>th</sup> June at the earliest**

I am sure you will have heard the Prime Minister's announcement that he feels we are on track to open schools on a phased basis from 1<sup>st</sup> June and have read or heard about all the press linked to this announcement. We know that the final decision as to whether the tests have been met will be made on Thursday. The Governors and I met last night to discuss this and to agree the formal risk assessment following LA feedback in preparation for reopening.

Unfortunately, due to high demand, there has been a delay in the arrival of some of our orders of some necessary products such as soaps, cleaning products, PPE for first aiders and first aid supplies etc. We have been told that these will not arrive until the middle of next week. The Governors and I also feel that the national picture at the moment, although clearly improving, is not yet clear and consistent enough to give us confidence in the safety of our staff and pupils returning to school. As such, the Governors and I have had to reflect on the risk assessment and without these necessary products and a clearer picture we cannot, in all good conscience, reopen more widely at this time. The Governors and I will meet, to confirm that all the necessary equipment has been delivered and to reflect on the national picture on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, with the hope that we can open more widely from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**School will only be open to children of key workers Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June (9 – 3.15pm).**

We have not made this decision easily, but we must make our school as safe as possible for our pupils and staff and we hope you understand why we have taken this step. We apologise for not being able to tell you earlier than today but hope this gives you enough time to make other arrangements for next week. Following our meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June - you will receive a communication detailing your child's start date or a further update if you have already requested a place. Now we have a better picture with numbers of pupils and so you as parents can prepare - this will probably look like the following agreed phased return:

- Day 1 – key workers only
- Day 2 – Key workers and year 6
- Day 3 – Key workers, year 6 and year 1
- Day 4 – Key workers, year 6, year 1 and reception
- Day 5 – key workers, year 6, year 1, reception and nursery

I look forward to the day when we can open our doors again to all of our wonderful children and I know the staff are eager to get back to normal too. Hopefully this will be safe to do so sooner rather than later – but until that time, I wish you all good health and happiness and we hope to see you soon.

Miss Hayes  
(Headteacher)

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