



The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Wider Opening Update

Dear Parents,

The Director of Public Health has revised his guidance to schools and has announced that schools are now encouraged to take the decision to open more widely to pupils from Monday 22nd June.

With this information in mind, the Governing Body have taken the decision to follow the Local Authority's advice and open more widely to children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Following the Government advice we will also be staggering the entry of each year group.

At The Willows, we will bring children back into school following the timetable set out below:

- Monday 22nd June – Reception children will be invited back into school until 17th July.
- Monday 29th June – Year 1 children will be invited back into school until 17th July.
- Monday 6th July – Year 6 children will be invited back into school until 17th July.

Please note, these dates are all provisional and may change.

We will be constantly assessing and reassessing the measures we have in place to ensure the safety of the children and staff to the best of our abilities and therefore it may be necessary to alter the dates of the returns for each group. We will only open school to each group when we are as confident as we can be that it is safe to do so. Whilst school is trying very hard to minimise the risk of any child or adult contracting COVID19, parents must be aware that we cannot guarantee that your child will not come in contact with it, due to widening of the social boundaries from home isolation to our school setting. There is always going to be a risk, which all parents need to be aware of. This is why the decision to send your child back to school is solely one for you as a parent to make and school will fully support you, in whichever decision you make.

On the Friday before each date, we will survey each year group to identify who will be coming back the following Monday so that we can be prepared to welcome your child.

Likewise, prior to your child's year group returning, you will receive a detailed pack with lots of useful information including the start and finish times for your child and who their 'family' teacher will be. This will be sent to all parents, regardless as to whether your child will be returning or not. We will also send a Welcome Back leaflet that we would like you to share with your child.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself (head@willows.lancs.sch.uk) or Mr. Wylde (bobwylde@willows.lancs.sch.uk).

Thanking you for your cooperation and understanding. Please stay safe, happy and well.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs SA Barnett
Headteacher

