

Dear Parents and Carers

Update on School opening further to Year Groups

Firstly, I would like to say personally, just how much I have been thinking of you all in these very difficult times. I have prayed for our school family daily. The staff at Caton St Paul's have found it hard too, as they have missed the children and families immensely. We were looking forward to returning to school on Tuesday; having undergone thorough risk assessments, reviewed our systems, plans and organisation.

Yesterday, at 5pm, we received notification from Lancashire County Council advising schools in the county 'not to open to more pupils from 1 June, but instead to continue with the current arrangements'. This is because they feel they do not currently meet all five of the government's tests, which would allow this decision to be taken safely. (Please see attached document).

This news has resulted in us having to postpone our plans to open to Year 6 and EYFS next week.

We understand this is difficult for you as parents and carers, as you try to plan for work, childcare, home schooling and all the other organisational factors. For our children too, some of whom were really looking forward to returning to school – engaging with learning and seeing friends. It must be said, that I am proud that our school was ready to start on Tuesday. But the governors and SLT are all committed to following government advice. Please be rest assured, our preparation will not be in vain. We still envisage that school will be open very soon.

So, as we recalibrate; we are now planning for just the next week, until we hear otherwise. Children will continue with home learning BUT under the new revised structure that we had planned, whereby teachers will be leading year groups, not classes. The structure is still as below

**All year groups will be taught remotely from Tuesday 2nd June 2020 by the following teachers.
There will be now home learning on Monday, due to staff training.**

EYFS = Mrs Riley/Miss Turner

Year 1 = Miss Heap

Year 2 = Mrs Hanger

Year 3 = Miss Coates

Year 4 = Miss Jenkinson

Year 5 = Mrs Sharples/Mrs Pollitt

Year 6 = Mrs Richardson/ Mrs Sharples

Your child's class teacher will be in touch regarding the regularity of work, expectations and Zoom online lessons.

Key worker childcare

Key worker childcare will continue as it has been doing, in the hall. These children will be dropped off and collected from the hall door, from the drive adjacent to school. Key worker childcare starts at **08.50** and finishes at **15.15**. Please book for your childcare place in advance via the online booking form.

Again, we are sorry. We will keep you updated as soon as we hear anything. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards



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