



Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have become increasingly aware of the school's requirement/intention to re-open to a greater number of pupils as of June 1st. In order to make these preparations and ensure that the school is safe for any increase in numbers, we have made the decision to close the school to all pupils over what would have usually been the half term period (25th – 29th May).

Each and every staff member has continuously worked above and beyond their expected duties over these last 8 weeks and we feel that giving them an opportunity to stop, rest and relax ahead of the unknowns that Term 6 may bring is one I know that will significantly help all of our staff team mentally prepare for any potential return ahead of the end of the academic year.

During the half term holiday, we will not be posting work online for the children to undertake and there is no expectation for the children to be undertaking any work, unless that is something you would like the children to do as part of any routine that you have established. We have also been informed by the Department for Education that there will not be any Free School Meals provision during the May Half Term break.

School will remain open from now until the end of the day on Friday 23rd May and will reopen for key worker children regardless of their year group on Monday 1st June. Should you believe that you are a key worker and you haven't used our provision before now but are having to return to work, please email enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk to enquire about a place. Key Worker children in any year group will be allocated places as a priority.

At the moment, we are still at the very early stages of what any potential, partial reopening would/could look like for Ancaster. We will be in touch again before any reopening to clarify to all families (in particular the specified year groups selected for an early return) the plans and protective measures we have taken to make this a smooth step towards our new normal.

As always, I hope that you are all well and I am very much looking forward to the day we can begin to put this dreadful virus behind us all. Stay safe everyone and take care.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sam Eden
Headteacher