



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

Wednesday 10th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write following the announcement yesterday from the UK Government that their ambition for all pupils to return ahead of the summer break will now not go ahead meaning that a vast majority of our pupils will continue to work from home until the end of the term when school closes for the summer break on July 21st.

Having reopened this week to a small number of extra pupils, we have delighted in seeing our school return back to its intended purpose. Our newly formed systems and procedures are working extremely well and we will continuously adapt and evolve them as more guidance is produced to ensure maximum safety for all. However, what has been clearly highlighted to us this week is how difficult it is to organise the school to reduce contact between groups of pupils and staff. The government have said that they will allow schools to admit more pupils if/when they can. To accommodate the numbers we now have in school, parents should be aware that we have fully utilised every physical teaching space and every available school adult to applying the guidance set by the DfE. Having done this, we are now currently operating at full capacity, meaning we will not be able to reopen to any more children.

What this means is that the children who will not be returning will continue to work at home with work being posted as usual three times per week. All communications will remain the same and staff will have time each day to respond to your emails and questions. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need anything as we will do everything we can to support you. We are coordinating new exercise books for you to allow the children to keep working in one consistent place and we will also keep you updated of everything you need to know about the school over the coming weeks.

We are so very sorry that we are unable to welcome any more children back at this time. We await further guidance on plans for September and how the safe reopening of schools to wider pupil groups will look. Information on this area is still vague but as we know, more information is emerging every day and we will communicate this with you in due course. As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sally McDowall
Chair of Governors

Mr Sam Eden
Headteacher