

11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this last week. We did not take the decision to delay opening to further year groups lightly.

The Trust Directors met today to discuss next steps. We received positive updates from Mrs Rostron and Mrs Whittaker (Heads of St. Bede and Tonge Moor respectively) relating to how well the vulnerable children and children of Key Workers have adapted to the new ways we now operate, including social bubbles. The number of Key Worker children have continued to increase within both schools.

The Government have now decided not to extend further opening to all year groups before the end of term. We have reviewed national data on instances of Covid-19 and related fatalities within Bolton, and nationally the effects relating to age and medical condition, and will continue to monitor these trends. We now need to review the new transmission rate (the 'R' rate) which is published on Friday. We need this to make our final decision as to whether we extend our opening beyond Key Worker and vulnerable children to include school Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Our medically vulnerable staff will continue to work from home providing online education and support to teachers who remain in school.

Whilst we understand this is very short notice for you as parents/carers we feel it is vital we obtain a full picture to allow us to make our decision. To help you plan as far as possible however, we have shared with you below the timetable we would operate from next week **IF**, on Friday, we decide to extend opening. If not, we will continue to provide places for Key Worker children and vulnerable children only.

**IF THE DIRECTORS DO APPROVE WIDER OPENING ON FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE THIS WILL BE COMMUNICATED VIA TWITTER AND THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. THE TIMETABLE FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL IS AS FOLLOWS:**

Date	Full Time Places	Part-time places (NOTE: this does not include lunchtime)
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Key Worker & Vulnerable pupils	Nursery & Year 1
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Key Worker & Vulnerable pupils	Nursery & Year 1 Reception & Year 6
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun onwards	Key Worker & Vulnerable pupils	Nursery & Year 1 Reception & Year 6

**IMPORTANT:**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE EMAIL SENT ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY WHICH GAVE DETAILS OF YOUR CHILD'S START TIME, PICK-UP TIME, CLASS TEACHER AND ENTRANCE TO ENSURE EVERYTHING RUNS SMOOTHLY AND SAFELY.**

Yours sincerely,  
 Mike Caine, Chair of Directors  
 Jack Hatch, C.E.O.

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