

29 May 2020

### Phased return to school – primary schools

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are continuing to cope under the current circumstances. As you will be aware, under the Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy, a phased return for schools is planned for primary children for 1 June.

As I have shared with you previously, we are committed to ensuring that children and staff can remain safe and healthy during the wider opening of schools. We have ensured that throughout the current crisis, we have followed Government guidance to the letter.

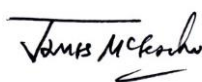
In the last few days, the Government has issued updated guidance on Behaviour Policies, Safeguarding requirements and Early Years settings, which will impact on nursery children particularly. We had run training on Friday before half term (22 May) but now feel that we need some additional time with staff to ensure that we can fully implement the new guidance.

St. Margaret Clitherow Academy will be making the following changes to our planned return for nursery, reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children.

1. Monday 1 June – school will be closed for additional staff training. (Provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable children will be provided as usual).
2. Tuesday 2 June – Year 6, Key worker and Vulnerable children will return.
3. Wednesday 3 June - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children will return.

I do apologise for the short notice, but I am sure that you will appreciate that the school does need additional time to process the guidance released by the Government during half term, to ensure that school is as safe as possible for the return.

Yours sincerely



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