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Dear Parents and Carers

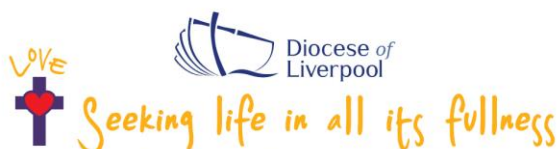
As you know from previous correspondence, we have been planning to begin to open to more pupils commencing from Monday 15th as long as safe to do so.

You will also recall that the Prime Minister announced back on 24 May that it would be safe for the wider reopening of schools **if the R rate remained below 1**. Over the weekend, the R rate for the North West was reported to have risen above 1. However, as you can understand, establishing what the R rate is locally is difficult to determine.

Sefton LA has issued letters to schools and parents to set out its position that the **reopening of school to wider children should be delayed until 22 June**. This will enable the LA to consider the local situation carefully.

What will happen now?

1. I have sent the school's COVID 19 Reopening Plan to all parents to ensure that everyone has the information regarding how the school is implementing the phased reopening of school. It has been shared with all staff and agreed by governors. It has also been sent to the LA along with a suite of risk assessments for approval. Obviously, the timings will now be adjusted as set out in the further points below.
2. **Next week** - children who have been attending school throughout the lockdown can continue to attend school.
3. **15 June** - children of essential workers and vulnerable children who were allocated a new place will begin on 15 June as previously planned. I shall write to parents tomorrow to confirm the place as well as the drop-off and pick up times.
4. **22 June** - the allocated places for children in Reception and Year 1 who do not have parents who are essential workers will be delayed until at least 22 June. The school will contact parents tomorrow.



I wish to thank all parents and carers for the incredible patience and continued support. I understand the frustrations you must inevitably have but know that you will understand the challenges of adapting so quickly to new information and guidance during the crisis.

Transition

I understand how worrying it must be for parents and for children who will be new to Reception in September and for our Year 6 pupils who will be starting secondary schools in September. Please know that transition is very much a priority for us as a school. As we adapt to the changing situation, transition remains a priority and is being addressed in school. Please bear with us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C McManus

Head teacher

