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Potential re-opening of schools.

Dear Parents,

I initially wrote to you last week to inform you of the government's decision to begin re-opening schools to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from the 1st of June. Thankyou for all your feedback in relation to schools re-opening and whether you would choose to send your children back in June.

Since that correspondence was sent out to parents there have been several meetings with Wigan Local Education Authority and this week they have made the decision that schools in Wigan will not be opening until the 8th of June at the earliest. This has obviously changed some of the planning for re-opening we had begun.

Lots of questions are being asked by parents daily and I realise a lot of conflicting information is available from the media. As I stated in my previous letter, all schools will plan differently depending on space, availability of staff and the number of key worker children requiring school for childcare.

The children of key workers and vulnerable pupils will continue to be a priority for the school. Any additional spaces will then be offered to the youngest pupils, starting with Reception.

I can give you the following information based on current plans and guidance:

- School will open on June 1st for the key worker and vulnerable pupils who already attend.
- School will open on June 8th for additional key worker children and vulnerable pupils.
- Additional spaces will be offered to the pupils in Reception.
- Children in Years 1 and 6 will definitely not be returning to school on June 8th. Any return for those pupils will be phased in later. There is currently no timescale for this.

These are uncertain and difficult times for everyone and I appreciate your patience and support.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Woods

