

# St Thomas' C.E. Junior and Infant School

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Dear Parents

You may be aware that there is a lot of anxiety and concern regarding the decision by the Government to re-open schools for some year groups on June 1<sup>st</sup>. A considerable amount of uncertainty around the practicalities and safety of doing this exists.

As a school we always have the health, safety and welfare of pupils, parents and staff as our priority. Therefore, any return to school will be phased and will be in the best interests of our school.

We are already aware that there are high levels of concern amongst parents and we understand that many feel that it is not yet safe enough to send their children back to school. We respect this and families will not be penalised for not sending their children.

In this period of uncertainty what we do know is that any return to school for specified year groups will be gradual, on a phased return model. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will not simply return on June 1<sup>st</sup>. It may be several weeks before we are able to bring all these children back into school. There is also the possibility that this won't happen at all if the infection rate begins to rise again. Please be patient.

It would help with any potential planning to have an overview of your opinions. Would you be prepared to send your child into school at this point? (It will not be school as the children know it. There will be groups in different classrooms, potentially taught by a teacher who is not your child's normal teacher, groups won't be allowed to mix and start and finish times will have to be staggered.)

You can let us know whether you would be prepared to send your child back through Facebook messenger or email ([advice@golbornesaintthomas.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:advice@golbornesaintthomas.wigan.sch.uk)). Please do not telephone the school office.

Thankyou for your understanding.

Mrs Woods

