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Learning and Growing Together

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COVID-19 Update

Dear parents and carers,

Last Thursday, I wrote to you with an update on plans from the Government about the re-opening of primary schools for certain key year groups from 1st June 2020. As stated in my letter, myself and the Senior Leadership Team have worked incredibly hard to see how safely and effectively we could put these plans into action for our school.

However, yesterday there was an important announcement from Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Schools and Families, who stated clearly that **primary schools in Bury WILL NOT be opening for Reception, Y1 and Y6 children from 1st June 2020 as it is still unsafe to do so.**

We will now await further advice based on scientific evidence and guidance from the Local Authority when we may be in a position to open more widely. In the interim, we will continue to consider and shape our plans in collaboration with our accredited Health and Safety Consultant in to order to help us prepare as fully as possible.

I would like to assure all parents that the health, safety and wellbeing of all our pupils, staff and wider members of our school community is at the very heart of all our decision making and will continue to be the overriding factor in all that we do. For now, we will operate school in the same way as we have been doing for the last 9 weeks – open for children from key worker families and those most vulnerable children.

As I stated in my letter last week, children should continue to access the online learning platforms such as Tapestry, Google Classrooms, Read Theory and Maths Prodigy. Advice and information relating to supporting your child's education at home will continue to be updated.

May I politely request that you continue your invaluable patience with us during this challenging time and I will of course continue to update you accordingly once we receive further guidance.

Thank you and take care,

Mrs Udall
Head of School

