



Thursday 11th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you with regard to the delayed phased re-opening of the school following the announcement at the end of last week from Public Health England that the Covid-19 R rate had risen to 1.01 in the North West.

The rise in the R figure obviously caused a great deal of concern amongst parents and school staff and although the decision to delay was a difficult one, the priority was ensuring the safety of staff and pupils.

We recognise that while we cannot take away totally the ongoing risk of the virus, we will endeavour to mitigate this risk as much as possible.

Through ongoing information from Public Health, it is clear that the picture across Oldham is an improving one and therefore I am in a position once again, to start to gradually re-open the school. Therefore, we are proposing to re-open for the **Year 6 pupils on Monday 22nd June**, with the Year 1 cohort starting back the following week, on Monday 29th June.

As previously stated, this is subject to change to reflect the ongoing situation both nationally and locally, but by putting back the original timetable by a fortnight, I am hoping that this will mean that once back we won't have to revert to any lockdown situation again in the remaining weeks of the term.

The framework for re-opening, published previously on the school website will be updated to reflect the change in timescales and I would urge all parents to read this document carefully before committing to sending your child into school.

I understand that for many, this delay has been unfortunate or disappointing, however the decision making process behind this is not a straightforward matter. I am sure you will agree that the safety of both your children and the staff remains the highest priority.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. G. Oates

Headteacher

Mr. A. Gregori

Chair of Governors