

Dear Parent / Carer

8th June 2019

COVID-19 update

The school has received updated guidance from the Director of Public Health , Professor Dominic Harrison relating to the R value (the rating of the disease's ability to spread) which is now above the critical value of 1 for the North West, at $R = 1.01$.

After careful consideration we are making the difficult decision to delay the wider opening for all year groups until June 22nd at the earliest.

The health and safety of our children, young people and staff remains our first priority and we will continue to take a cautious approach to the wider opening of schools following the advice of Public Health and the government. This delay will allow us to continue to review all the evidence made available to us in the next few weeks and to seek to be more assured that the rate of infection is reducing, and R is firmly below 1. We will continue to monitor what is a fast-evolving situation very closely and where required will seek further clarity from Public Health England and central government in order to make informed decisions.

We will, however, remain open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers as we have been since the start of the national lockdown.

Yours sincerely



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