



# Beverley St Nicholas C P School

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Dear Parents / Carers of Year Six Pupils

## **RE the proposed partial reopening of school from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

I am sure that you are all aware of the Government's proposal to prepare for a phased partial reopening of schools from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

**Our priority at all times is the safety and welfare of our pupils, staff and wider school community.** This being the case, any phased opening has to be managed with the utmost caution and care so that all necessary protective measures can be put in place for all.

We have a significant proportion of our staff within the vulnerable categories identified by the Government and they are unavailable for work on site owing to the potential risks posed. We have been asked to split classes into groups of up to fifteen children, referred to as a 'bubble'. Each 'bubble' will have the same adults at all times and 'bubbles' will not be able to mix in school. The Government has made it clear that we must prioritise provision for the children of key workers in the first instance, followed by the children in EYFS and Y1.

The senior leadership team of the school have worked to plan how we can offer provision for our children since the announcement was made, following each new piece of guidance as it has been issued. However, **it is with great regret that I must inform you that, given all the considerations outlined above, we are not in a position to reopen to Year Six for the foreseeable future.** This decision has not been made lightly and is a source of sadness to us as a staff. Online learning will continue to be provided for children not in school. The nature of this will necessarily change as teachers' work patterns change and we will keep you apprised of this.

We understand that for Year Six in particular, this may be disappointing and that the children will feel upset at missing the traditional end of primary school celebrations and events. We are hopeful that, if restrictions are sufficiently lifted, we may still be able to provide a social event of some description to bring the pupils together to mark the end of their time at Beverley St Nicholas Community Primary School, possibly within the first half of the autumn term. We will, of course, let you know as soon as we know whether this may be possible.

Thank you for your continued support during these incredibly difficult times and all of the staff look forward to the school being open to all children, when it is safe to do so.

Liz Pollard

Headteacher



