



Howard Primary School

11th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Government update on lockdown measures

Many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's address to the nation yesterday in which he stated that lockdown measures will be relaxed over the coming weeks. There was also a mention of the **possibility** of primary schools re-opening to certain year groups from 1st June.

It is clear that the Government are making plans for a **partial** re-opening of schools however we must stress that at this stage we have no confirmation of when this will be or how it will work. Until we see the full guidelines and recommendations from Government, we do not have any intention, at least in the short-term, to make any changes to the current arrangements in place. This means that Howard Primary School remains closed until further notice and is only open to children of key workers who cannot work from home.

The Governors and I are sure that you will understand that the safety of your children and our dedicated staff remains our priority at this time, therefore any decision to re-open will be dependent on our ability to protect our school community. That includes the safety of you, our parents and carers. If and when school does re-open to specific year groups, we have no doubt that there will be many changes to the way we manage and deliver the education to your children. Social distancing will of course be a priority and how that can be achieved effectively in a school setting will be a challenge. Please be assured that our Senior Leadership Team are working on plans for how the safety of all our stakeholders can be achieved when the time comes to re-open our doors.

We would like to thank all of you for your support and patience during this period of school closure and we hope that you are all safe and well. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Senior Leadership Team at our temporary email address howardprimaryslt@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

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