



Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night, I am sure that you watched the Prime Minister's address which we all hoped would provide us with more information and clarity regarding schools opening. The Prime Minister announced that the government are expecting schools to open for our very youngest children, those in Reception and Year 1 and our oldest, those in Year 6 from the 1st June (170 children). We have no further details at this point than those shared.

We expect to receive more detailed information from the government about what this means for the children and staff at Middleton St Mary's including clear guidance how schools can open safely for the 170 children and staff with the 2m social distancing rule. Our average classroom measures 7m x 5m, meaning that there will be four children in each classroom with one adult, we will not have enough rooms in the school to accommodate this suggestion! We will wait and update you accordingly.

I must stress that in the short-term, nothing has changed. If you are now faced with the prospect of returning to work, we will be following the previous government guidance and providing care for **those parents carrying out critical work under their defined key worker roles where children cannot be cared for safely at home.**

At all times, even when we start plans for reopening, I will only open school if it is safe to do so based on a thorough risk assessment, which I am sure you will agree is in the best interests of children, parents and staff.

Thank you for continuing to work through the homework activities. Each Monday, we put out our new weekly home learning packs in the main entrance for families to collect between 9am and 4pm daily but this week, the office entrance is closed Monday and Tuesday due to a new floor being fitted.

Please be aware that the school phone will only be answered between 9 and 3pm Monday to Friday.

Thinking of you all in our prayers. Take care and stay safe.

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.

