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Dear Parents / Carers,

Following a very careful analysis of the school capacity for a wider offer of school opening from early June, we have made an initial plan that an offer, within our capacity will be made later this week, once agreed.

In order to be able to make that offer all areas of school MUST have a deep clean and the reorganisation of ALL classrooms must take place. Removing furniture and resources and moving other furniture as appropriate. This means that with agreement from our governors, Kirklees Local Authority and in line with all other Catholic Primary schools in Kirklees, Calderdale and Bradford we will CLOSE to all pupils over the Spring Bank holidays until Tuesday 2nd June, in line with the holiday list. Staff will have some time for a needed break but will be expected to be in school for part of that time re-organising the classrooms and making the needed preparations for the wider opening. Monday 1st June is a training day ensuring the new procedures and processes are clearly understood by all staff, so that all are as safe as possible.

This has been a very difficult decision but we recognise that it is essential to be able to move forward in a staggered, safe wider opening in early June. We politely ask the very few critical worker parents who expressed they may need some help to use annual leave as you would normally need to do during these statutory school holidays. If you find that you are still struggling and are a two critical worker parent family, please contact me and our Kirklees Learning Partner will support us in trying to find another school that is staying open and may be able to help – although she has informed me that many Kirklees schools are closing for the same reasons.

It is incredibly hard to make decisions that align with every parents needs but we hope you appreciate we are trying extremely hard to do what is right for the vast majority, by making the essential preparations for a wider opening. School will reopen for critical worker places that are booked on Tuesday 2nd June. A further letter will be sent out through email, the School App and on the website later this week regarding the wider opening offer following further official meetings and final agreements.

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation of your understanding and support

Mrs C Moulding

Mrs C Wiles

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