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19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement you are providing to your children with remote learning. I recognise the pressure we are all under and want to reassure you that the health and wellbeing of the Chetwynde community is our priority.

We fully acknowledge the advice and guidance from the Government following the announcement from the Prime Minister but the decisions on how to move forward remain with myself and the Governing Body. There is so much to consider and I feel it is better to take a cautious approach that carefully builds our capacity and resilience to safely resume physical proximity to each other and the children.

The SMT have been collating feedback from staff and parents and have been taking advice from a number of different sources. I met with our Governing Body on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to present our proposal. They have approved the following phased approach:

**Phase 1 : Half Term Week : Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May (next week)**

At the close of play on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the school will stop working for the Half Term Week and that will include the setting of on-line learning and all the other learning opportunities our staff have provided. This will give pupils an opportunity to catch up and complete work previously set. There will also be limited email and activity on social media. Our school has been open as a Hub from the start of the lockdown period, working during the Easter and bank holidays, doing an amazing job in supporting key worker and vulnerable children from Chetwynde and other primary schools within Barrow. Unfortunately hubs will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We all need to have a break and some time to plan for the re-opening of the school.

**Phase 2 : From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

We will resume setting on-line work and we will re-open Chetwynde for our pupils of **Critical Workers** and **vulnerable children** (9.00am – 3.30pm, Monday – Friday). Free School Meal deliveries will continue, please continue to order via Lunch Shop.

There will be limited places during the first 2 week period. It is important that you tell us by 9.00am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May if your child qualifies and you are intending to send your child to Chetwynde on 1<sup>st</sup> June because we will be closed during Half Term week (You will need to produce evidence if you are a critical worker).

Please follow this link for w/b 1<sup>st</sup> June:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UqpuLTXU-UuRlIQvfwra1T5oo1gtVUhNgWRjTJOciM5UQIFISFc3RFAzTVNaMzFPOFpUVUISSjdENC4u>

Please follow this link for w/b 8<sup>th</sup> June:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UqpuLTXU-UuRlIQvfwra1T5oo1gtVUhNgWRjTJOciM5UNTA5Rk1RWkpETE9RNTVLVDJKNUtDQTVUNi4u>

The latest list of 'critical workers' can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>

We will continue to use the days that follow 1<sup>st</sup> June to continually test and risk assess our practical arrangements and their ability to safely scale up to accommodate more pupil in a phased approach.

Having done all that, our ambition is to take the evaluation of the testing of our preparations and our arrangements to the Governing Body for a decision no sooner than Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June on whether we can move to the next phase, Phase 3.

**Phase 3 : No sooner than Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Subject to the latest scientific statistics and the Governing Body approval we will aim to welcome a phased reintroduction to other pupils. Obviously we will share these next steps with you when we are confident in our risk-assessed, safety-minded approach. These plans may change subject to government guidance.

The guidance for parents and carers about the wider opening of schools can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

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Yours sincerely



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