

## St John Bosco Catholic Primary School

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## Dear Parents

I am writing regarding the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening that schools are to extend the number of pupils they have in school by welcoming back Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils on 1st June 2020. It is also their intention to extend this to Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 pupils later in the month in order to give them a full month before the summer holidays, if feasible. This also includes continuing to look after the children of key workers from all year groups.

After consulting with the School Senior Leadership and Chair of Governors, we would like to stress that although school will be a very different place for the remainder of this term we will try to make this as enjoyable an experience as indeed we have done for the children who currently attend as the children of key workers. The governments' guidelines accept that it is extremely challenging to ensure social distancing with young children and they have suggested that children should be placed in smaller groups of no more than 15. They have also advised that these groups should remain together for as many activities and lessons including breaks and lunchtimes in order to minimise any potential spread of infection.

We are currently in the process of finalising how we can implement the guidance as safely as possible including how we separate cohorts and how we will organise the school day in order to maintain your child's safety. The three year groups will have individual time tables including start times and pick up time s. This is primarily to help you and reduce the amount of adults which who will naturally congregate at these times.

Ultimately it will be each parent's personal choice as to whether they decide to send their children back on any of the given dates. The school will respect any decisions that you make and, as the guidance states, no one will be penalised for the decisions that they make. However, in order for school to plan effectively for this we need to know what your intentions are and we ask if you could complete the following questions so that we can liaise with our governing board. We ask if these responses, especially for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, could be returned by **tomorrow** via email –

admin.stjohnbosco@schools.sefton.gov.uk before our Full Governing Board Meeting on Thursday morning.

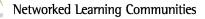
We shall update you further with more specific details of our plan in due course.

Yours sincerely

Mr D MacAreavy Headteacher















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