

Monday 18th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you have had a good weekend and this letter finds you well. As you know from the communication sent home on Friday, we are currently in the process of gathering information and completing risks assessments ahead of school potentially reopening. Just to reiterate, at Warboys we will not be able to consider re-opening to Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 until at least the 8th June as we feel that there is a lot of work that needs to be done ahead of re-opening to ensure that staff, parents and children have confidence in the school's plans and that everyone can be kept safe.

I am afraid that I owe you an apology as I neglected to mention in the communication sent home on Friday that we will be **closing the school completely** over the half term break. This is in order to ensure that all staff can have a break as they have been working consistently every day since school 'closed', including over the Easter holidays. We value our staff and the important work that they do, and we will be asking a lot of them when school prepares to re-open, so it is vital they have this chance to rest. I apologise for any inconvenience this causes for any of our families but hope that you understand why this decision has been made. Just to confirm, school will be closed completely for the week commencing Monday 25th May.

If you are a keyworker or a parent of a vulnerable child, please note that the childcare provision we currently offer will re-open on Monday 1st June. Please could you ensure that you request your place by completing the usual paperwork and returning it to school by **Thursday 21st May**. This will enable us to ensure that we have adequate staff ratios and can maintain social distancing in the spaces we use.

Throughout this crisis, schools have been informed of government decisions at the same time as everyone else and this will be the case again with regard to whether or not the criteria have been met for the government to move to phase 2 of their current plans and for schools to re-open on 1st June. This announcement is likely to be made on 29th or 30th May. We are doing everything we can to prepare ourselves ahead of this but are also mindful that the criteria may not be met, and things may change.

As always, the safety and well-being of the children and staff are our highest priority. I will do my best to ensure that you are wellinformed throughout the next few weeks and that our plans are effectively communicated prior to any potential re-opening. We anticipate using the week commencing 1st June for staff training, gathering further data from you and for sharing with you the measures that we have put in place to keep the children and staff safe when they return to school. In the meantime, if I have anything important to share, I will do so.

I recognise that as a parent you are going to find it very difficult to make a decision regarding what is best for your child but I will offer every reassurance I can and any decision you make as a parent will have my full support.

Please remember to complete the childcare request form if you are a keyworker and need to send your child to school in the week commencing 1st June.

Many thanks for your patience and ongoing support.

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