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Wider opening of school

Dear Parents and carers

Firstly, I hope that you all had a peaceful and blessed Eid celebration in what were undoubtedly unusual and challenging circumstances. I also hope that you and your families are keeping well.

We are currently planning and preparing our school for wider opening.

On Friday 22nd Bradford Councillor Imran Khan (portfolio for education employment and skills) issued a statement expressing that “The council believes that the current advice and scientific evidence from public health means that not all of the five tests set out by government for reopening have currently been met in order for schools to go back on 1 June”

Therefore, the earliest school will be open for additional children will be after 8th June.

We have of course been open for vulnerable children and children of key workers throughout lockdown and this will continue. These are in a much smaller numbers than we would see if we were to open more widely. Increasing the numbers of children (and staff) using school means that the health and safety risk assessments change. We are preparing for this, but we want to make sure that when we invite more children and staff to attend school, we can make it as safe as we can.

As a member of the Priestley Academy Trust we will also use the checklist below to make our decision on the wider opening of school;

- Risk assessments completed by OJ Health & Safety on behalf of all Trust schools
- Each school will have an action plan to ensure the safety of pupils
- Each school will have an action plan to ensure the safety of staff
- Schools will be prepared and ready to welcome pupils and staff back safely
- There is confidence that the plans are sustainable and confidence that the central government plans such as Track and Trace are ready and in place to ensure the safety of the wider community.

The decision on when we will open will be taken week beginning 1/6/20 using the criteria above. This will allow us time to make sure we have our plans in place, our staff are prepared and we have more scientific information and evidence with which to make our decision.

After this decision is made we will be in touch with further details. We will give you as much notice and information as we can.

We intend to open in a gradual way as we believe this is safest, and for those children in other year groups, it will when we can make sure we are prepared for them.

Please do not bring your child to school unless it has been agreed and they have an invite.

School is still open during this difficult time and please contact us if there is anything we can help with.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and support at this very challenging time.

Stay safe



Lorraine Martin
Headteacher



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