



14th May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Following on from recent Government announcements you will be aware that schools have been advised to make arrangements for the safe return of Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 6 children on June 1st, with the hope that other year groups will return later on. We have really missed all of our children and looking forward to seeing all of our families again. We are working hard to put in plans to make sure that any return for children is done as safely as possible but we will need the cooperation of our whole school community to make this happen.

It will be a long time before schools return to normal, we will be doing everything we can to try to keep children and families safe when they do return but I cannot guarantee that children and staff will remain 2 metres apart at all times. **Holy Family is a special place where children and staff interact closely together with love, compassion and kindness - this will not be changing.** We will, of course, put in measures to try to limit risk, such as:

- Operating a phased return for all children to limit group sizes
- Staggering break times and lunchtimes to limit children mixing with each other
- Extending entry and exit times
- Greater handwashing and sanitising

However, I must make it very clear that **it is impossible to socially distance children in a school setting.**

The Government has set out guidance for parents, which can be found by clicking on this [link](#). This document states that parents **will not** be fined if they choose not to send their child to school due to concerns around safety. School will continue to maintain contact with your child and provide online education links as we have done for the past 7 weeks. To help us with our planning, we are asking parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Yr. 1 and Yr. 6 to complete this very short [survey](#) by Monday 18th May. I will be sending more details about our opening early next week, thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

God bless and stay safe,

Mr P Foley
Head Teacher

