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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope this letter finds everyone safe and well. The purpose of this letter is to provide greater clarification following the unprecedented activity that took place on Friday 5th June. Up until 5pm all communication released from school was that Directors had agreed to the phased re-opening of our school for the children of critical workers, vulnerable pupils and children in Reception whose parents had requested a place, this being the order indicated by the government.

However, it was with a heavy heart that at 5.30pm Directors instructed the schools within our Trust to retract the phased reopening following the receipt of information that the North West R rating was above 1. This is important because it is one of the 5 government tests to be achieved before the wider opening of schools. We fully appreciate how hugely disappointing this was for all concerned. Our staff were so excited to be welcoming some of our children back into full time education and had been busy preparing for this moment for several weeks. This was not a decision that was taken lightly, but as we have always said, the safety of the children, our families and staff is our number one priority, above all else.

While further risk assessments are completed before the phased wider opening of Trust schools, St Ann's will remain open for essential, emergency childcare for the children of critical key worker parents/ carers only. The main principles remain the same as they were when school closed its doors at the end of March; all children who can be safely cared for at home, should be. School should be a last resort for those who have no alternative.

While we await further direction from our board of Directors, we would recommend that all parents who have not collected their child's Summer 2 Home Learning Pack, do so this week between the hours of 9.30-2.30pm. In the event school does open in the near future, there is no need to bring the packs into school we will simply photocopy them again as necessary to avoid possible transmission of the virus.

Even though school has not opened this week, the check-in phone calls to all pupils who have remained at home throughout the closure, will still take place. Please refer to Friday's newsletter for the timing of these, and how parents/ carers may wish to prepare their child for the phone call from their class teacher.

Once again, I would like to apologise for the change in plan, and as always, thank you for your continued support and understanding during this highly unpredictable time. I hope the phased re-opening of school will commence very soon.

Please take care and stay safe.

Kind Regards

Mrs Laura Rynn
 Headteacher

