



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Following in the footsteps of Jesus

Saturday 6th June 2020

Dear parents/carers,

As you are aware, after a period of preparation and meetings, we were in a position to widen the re-opening of St Clare's Catholic Primary School on a phased basis, from Monday 8th June, beginning with Year 1 and Year 6. However, late on Friday, it was announced that the virus's reproductive rate, known as the R value, is higher than the threshold of 1 in the North West region. This, in addition to a lack of certainty with the NHS Test and Trace system, has meant that two key elements of the Government's Five Key Tests have not been met.

Considering the above information, and following discussions with the local authority earlier today, St Clare's Catholic Primary School will not be able to reopen to further year groups on 8th June. The local authority and school leaders will continue to review this position and will only consider increasing provision as and when it is safe for our schools to do so. You will be receiving this email even if you have already told us you were not planning to send your child to school on Monday as we felt it important that everyone is aware of the current situation.

We do not take this decision lightly and I am very sorry for any disruption or upset caused, I know children are keen to get back to school. The safety of our school community is our priority and we will always put the safety of our children, staff and community first and therefore will consider the wider re-opening of school when the data is more supportive.

Apologies for the late email this evening, I was waiting for the press release from CWAC before I contacted you.

I will write to you again next week when I hope to have further information.

School will continue to be open for the children of key workers.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs M Ryder