



St. Luke's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

School Re Opening Update

I am writing to you regarding updates and the school's current position in relation to re opening. As you are aware, over the past months and including the current half term break school have been supporting the families of key workers and some other children with the provision of emergency childcare during the school week.

In addition, teachers have been busy providing a wide range of home learning activities for your children which have had an academic and wellbeing focus.

The next two week's work for all year groups will be accessible through our school website 'Home Learning Tab' from Monday 8th June or through paper packs that you can pick up at the school office (please call or email lockdown@stluke.knowsley.sch.uk with the subject **Home Learning Packs** so we can have these prepared). We recognise that home schooling is by no means an easy task and we thank you for your incredible support and hard work!

Regarding information about the recent government announcement concerning the re opening of schools to additional year groups. We would like to reassure you that we have been continuing to follow local and national guidance to try to find a way forward which is safe for both our children, our families and of course, our staff. We have a duty of care to safeguard all of the school community.

This is proving to be a lengthy process that we are currently going through. This requires Local Authority and several unions agreement before we can proceed with any wider opening.

As part of this consultation, we need to consider how many **key worker's and vulnerable children** would want a school place at this point. Please see Critical worker guidance on the Department for Education website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you would like to request a key worker/ vulnerable child place and you haven't already secured one, please email lockdown@stluke.knowsley.sch.uk by this **Tuesday 9th June at noon** with the subject **Key worker/Vulnerable Child Place**.

Please state your child's name and year group and what your job or need is including your up to date phone number.

(proof of employment will be required to confirm the criteria is met) School will contact you to discuss any potential place after this point.

If you would like to request a Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 child place, please email lockdown@stluke.knowsley.sch.uk by this **Tuesday 9th June at noon** with the subject **Year group place**.

Please include your child's name, year group and your contact number.

School will be in touch when we are better informed about definite return dates for children in these year groups and we will update on other year groups as and when that information is available.

What about Attendance during any partial opening?

We would of course like to see as many children as we can safely accommodate in school once the time is right. However, the Government guidance is clear: no school should penalise parents who decide to continue with home learning. Home learning resources and support will continue throughout any partial opening.

Please be assured as any new information is made available we will communicate with you as quickly as possible.

Warmest regards

Mr Crist



