

To: All Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, we were intending to open all of our schools next Monday (15<sup>th</sup> June) to pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in line with government guidance. There was significant publicity over the weekend surrounding the announcement that the R number in the North West had risen above 1. This has created considerable uncertainty amongst pupils, staff and parents about the safety of any further opening of our schools in the current situation. The R number is very difficult to determine locally and needs to be considered alongside other factors and we are undertaking more work on this locally. As a result of this announcement many people have suggested that we should review our local position regarding the extending of schools.

We are therefore recommending in the light of this information that we delay wider opening of schools to 22nd June 2020. All settings will continue to remain open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers as they have been since the start of the national lockdown. Our local approach, as you know, has been to focus on making safe and sensible decisions so that pupils and staff remain safe. We would like to pay special tribute to the work of headteachers, staff, school governors and childcare providers for their fantastic work in supporting children and families during this time.

We appreciate that as parents and carers you have also played an important role in working with your children enabling them to continue accessing their learning. Schools greatly appreciate the support you have given to them.

We will review the public health information we receive over the coming week and communicate our position next week.

Yours sincerely,



**Dwayne Johnson**  
Chief Executive



**Vicky Buchanan**  
Director of Children's Social Care and Education