



Windsor Park CE Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

I hope this email finds you well. I'm sure you are aware from the media coverage that the Government has the aspiration to start the phased re-opening of Primary schools from the 1st June 2020. As a Middle school we are in the position of having two year groups in the Primary age range and two year groups in the Secondary age range. The Government's national plan wants schools to start the phased re-opening with Year 6, reception and Year 1. In an attempt to most effectively support our pupils we have contacted the Department for Education (DfE) to request that we have our Year 8 year group in school to best support their transition to High School. The response from the DfE has been that they would like all schools across the country to start the phased re opening with pupils in Year 6.

It is therefore our plan at this time for Year 6 pupils to start back in school in early June.

We cannot give a definite date at this time as we are waiting for confirmation from the Government to confirm schools can open and additional restrictions that could apply at the time they make the decision.

We believe that the Government will make the decision towards the end of the half term period.

Re-opening of Windsor Park to Year 6 pupils will also be dependent on the necessary resources to safely open the school being in place.

We understand that this uncertainty is very difficult for parents – I would say at present the earliest Windsor Park would open to Year 6 pupils is Wednesday 3rd June. **I must stress this date could change dependant on a wide range of factors not within the school's control.**

We appreciate that many families will have specific reasons why they feel it is not desirable for their Year 6 children to return to school at this time. Can we ask if you are not planning to send your Year 6 pupil back to school in early June that you please let us know, as soon as possible (ideally by Tuesday 19th May) to office@windsorpark.staffs.sch.uk as it will greatly help our planning. We will obviously continue to set and support home learning activities for any pupils not in school.

The children of key workers will be able to continue to attend school as they have done since the start of the national lockdown.



We are still actively involved in discussing with the DfE flexibility that will allow us to undertake specific transition support for Year 8.

We will publish more detailed information about strategies to allow Year 6 pupils to return to school in a safe and calm manner at a later date. We know these are greatly unsettling times for pupils, families and staff, please be assured we take the health and welfare of our whole school community very seriously.

Finally, I should point out that if the Government plans to reduce wider infection rates do not achieve their targets, the decision to re-open Primary age provision may be postponed.

Kind regards,



Mrs Wilbraham-Jones

Headteacher

