



# ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Jesus is at the heart of life in St Bede's School.*

*We pray that He will guide us to be happy, love one another and always do our best*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you saw the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday and his press briefing last night. It seems as if, from 1 June, the government will advise schools to open for children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six. The government's plans appear to involve social distancing, fewer pupils in school (until the return of all children in mid-June), splitting up classes, staggering lunchtimes and opening times, and implementing stricter hygiene protocols etc.

I am sure many of you will feel nervous about sending your children back to school, and this is completely understandable. As headteacher, I want to make it clear that we will only open the school to more pupils when it is safe to do so. We are awaiting government guidance on how we can safeguard the health of both pupils and staff, and of course I will keep you updated on developments.

I realise these have been trying times for the children as well as for grown-ups, with no end in sight as yet. I would like to thank you for everything you have done in recent weeks and for supporting your child in the work that has been set by our teachers. Do we want the children back in school? Of course we do! Are you at the end of your tether at home? Of course you are! However, I am determined to make sure that we have the safest possible environment and that we reduce any risk as far as possible before we open the school doors.

Keep safe!

Mrs M. Rooney

