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Urgent Update – Postponement to Phased Re-opening of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following updated guidance from Blackburn with Darwen Council on Friday night, we are delaying the phased opening of school. The revised guidance is a direct result of information released by Public Health England and the government, which estimates the R value is now above the critical value of 1 for the North West.

Therefore, unfortunately we will not be able to start our phased opening from Monday 8th June as planned. Other than children of key workers and vulnerable groups who have a confirmed place at school, no other year groups will be able to start their phased return until at least 22nd June 2020, and only if it is deemed safe.

We appreciate this is late notice, however we are dealing with an ever-evolving situation and so your continued support is greatly appreciated. We also appreciate that our children may be disappointed about this. However, it is critical that we follow the guidance we are provided and ensure that our families are kept safe and well.

Our plan is to continue to provide activities for learning at home for children who are unable to attend school. We will update you further once we have more information.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, I wish you the best of health during this difficult time.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. P. Morgan

Headteacher