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Reopening of St Charles Catholic Primary School, in line with Liverpool City Council's approach

Dear Parents

I am sure you have read the letter from Steve Reddy (Director of Children and Adult services in Liverpool) regarding Liverpool's plan and timetable for reopening. There has also been a lot of local and national media coverage on this too.

The plan in Liverpool is to slowly open schools at a different rate to the rest of the country. As things stand, from the 1st June the school will be open **only** to key workers and vulnerable children, as defined in Steve's letter (this can be found on our school website). Moving forward Liverpool City Council's view is that,

'schools can only re-open to other pupils when it is safe to do so and not a moment before. Only once we can be sure that schools are safe for both children and staff will they be able to open to more children. The safety of your child, and our staff, is our top priority.'

There are many things to consider before this can happen which will feed into the risk assessment that I (and all headteachers) are working on at the moment. Considerations for the 'new normal' will include limited movement around school for pupils and adults (including parents), hygiene, imposing social distancing at collection and drop off points, staff availability, reducing numbers to suit the layout and size of the rooms, the age of the child, staggered starts and finishes for different year groups, staggered breaks and accommodating lunch etc.

Liverpool City Council has stressed that during this anxious time parents will not be fined.

'We will not be pressuring anyone to send their child to school since you know your children and personal situations best. Once you have all the information, you will be able to make an informed decision. The government has made it clear they will not be fining parents for not sending children into school during this term.'



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However, if you are supported by a social worker and your social worker advises that your child needs to attend school, it is important you follow this advice.'

I appreciate this must be unsettling. Liverpool's measured approach will allow schools to implement this with more time, thought and reflection. This is something other schools in the rest of the UK cannot do. I will continue to update you in the coming days and weeks.

Stay strong and keep safe.

Kind regards

Rebecca Dean and Steve Roberts

Headteacher and Chair of Governors



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