



Archbishop Blanch
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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are well and had a restful bank holiday weekend.

I am sure that many of you, like me, will have watched the Prime Minister outline what the potential next steps forward are for the country last night.

There are many points that will be debated and discussed over the coming days, and a number of questions were left unanswered, however there was an indication of what the Government is proposing for the re-opening of schools.

Until Local Authorities and schools receive guidance from the Department for Education, the school is unable to provide definitive answers and reassurance to parents. It would be unwise for the school to speculate as to what the final advice and guidance may be as this will only lead to greater confusion and pre-emptive actions, which may not provide the best support for our children in the longer term.

At the moment, we know as much as you as to what comes next. We expect that all aspects of yesterday's announcement will be discussed in detail over the next few days in Parliament and then the education aspects considered by the Department for Education (DfE). At that point we should receive some official guidance from the DfE about the practicalities of what all of this may mean for schools.

Until we are in receipt of this guidance, it would be wrong for us to speculate on what our response is as a school. There will be enough speculation in the papers and on the news over the next few days and we simply don't want to add to the confusion.

So, please be assured that we will let you know what the next steps are as soon as we have a clear indication of where we go from here from the DfE. While we can't give you any detail at this stage, please be confident that we will work together to support you, your child and our staff through the coming weeks and months. As always, all decisions made will be in the best interests of the whole school community.

Thank you once again for all your support over recent weeks. It has been encouraging to see all that has been achieved by the whole school community through such difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Madeloso
Headteacher