



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School closure for half term and phased reopening

During this time of unprecedented change in our country, we are now beginning to make small steps to move back to a new normal. Thank you to everyone for their determination to minimise the loss of life and for being able to work together on this.

As we start to bring children back into school our main concern is to make sure that this process is safe for children, staff and parents. You will all be aware of the roadmap from the Government and their intention to make small steps and monitor the effect on the Reproduction rate of the virus.

Opening schools from early June is dependent on the reproduction rate remaining stable; the government has suggested that the final decision could be made as little as 48 hours before June 1st and means that plans could change over the coming weeks.

School Leaders and Governors have been asked by the government to plan for a phased reopening of primary schools. Plans and preparations are being made as we write and School Leaders and Governors will make a final decision on whether the preparations that have been put in place will provide a safe environment for both staff, pupils and parents. Information about school's phased reopening will be communicated to all parents by Friday 22nd May.

Steeton Primary School will close as planned for the Spring Bank holiday on Friday 22nd May. School leaders have made the difficult, but necessary decision to close to all children, including vulnerable children and children of key workers. This will allow all school staff to have a break and for staff to prepare for a phased reopening on Monday 8th June.

Over the spring bank holiday, there will be a deep clean of all of the buildings in preparation for the planned reopening on Monday 8th June. School staff will need to be trained in the protocols that will be put in place in order to provide a safe environment.

Parents of Key worker children who still require childcare over the two-week period should contact either myself or Mr Wheeler, who will be able to direct them to support through an alternative educational setting.

We will phase the children coming back into school, so that we can make sure that the systems and procedures we have will work and keep everyone safe. Our plan is to begin with Year 6 returning first, followed by a phased return of other year groups up until the end of June.

We will provide a more detailed plan for schools phased return on Friday 22nd May.

Yours sincerely,

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