Diocese of Nottingham

The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Possible Reopening of School to Additional Pupils in June

As you will be aware, school may reopen on 1st June to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, only **if** the Government, Trust and school all believe it is safe to do so. We have created an action plan for our phased reopening for these year groups, which we will share with our school community as soon as possible, so that you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice.

Following Government guidance, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. Vulnerable children of all year groups continue to be expected and encouraged to attend educational provision where it is appropriate for them to do so (for children with education health and care (EHC) plans this will be informed by a risk assessment approach).

Although we know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, we are not currently in a position to extend places to other children until we receive further Government guidance.

As your child is in one of the year groups mentioned above, and will therefore be attending school from 1 June, we would like to reassure you that the health and safety of all our pupils and staff is our utmost priority and will take all appropriate measures whilst your children are in school. We would also ask that you follow the advice below:

- Those children classed as clinically *extremely* vulnerable (as defined <u>here</u>), should continue to learn or work from home
- Parents of those children who are clinically vulnerable (as defined <u>here</u>) should follow medical advice
- Children who live with someone who's clinically *extremely* vulnerable should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and if they're able to understand and follow those instructions
- Children who live with someone who's clinically vulnerable (but not clinically *extremely* vulnerable) can attend school
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of coronavirus, or living with anyone experiencing symptoms, shouldn't attend
- Adhere to Government guidance on handwashing <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing</u>
- Normal personal hygiene and washing of clothes is recommended following a day in school
- Children, young people, parents, carers or any visitors, such as suppliers, must not enter the school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (following the <u>COVID-19: guidance for households</u> with possible coronavirus infection)
- If your child needs to be accompanied to the school, only one parent should attend

- You will be allocated drop off and collection times and the process for doing so, including protocols for minimising adult to adult contact (for example, which entrance to use)
- Parents must not gather at entrance gates or doors or enter the site. They must also adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times
- Please review education resources such as e-bug and PHE schools resources
- Please ensure you are aware of recommendations on transport to and from education or childcare setting (including avoiding peak times). Read the <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for</u> <u>passengers</u>
- Please follow the standard national advice on the kind of symptoms to look out for that might be due to coronavirus, and where to get further advice. If anyone in the household develops a fever or a new continuous cough they are advised to follow the <u>COVID-19</u>: <u>guidance for households with possible</u> <u>coronavirus infection guidance</u> (which states that the ill person should remain in isolation for 7 days and the rest of the household in isolation for 14 days)

However, we're also not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school, since you know your children and personal situation best. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in helping your child learn at home. We really enjoy receiving examples of work and are very pleased to receive such communications from you.

Until further notice, we will continue to review and respond to the Government guidance, with the support of the Trust and based on staff availability. Please be assured that we will contact you once again if, and when, details of the next phase are shared. With that in mind, please continue to stay in touch with us about home schooling or any other ways in which we can support you and your family. Although we are living in challenging times, our priority is to help and support our pupils and their families.

Should you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing school through the office: <u>office@priory-pri.notts.sch.uk</u>

Yours sincerely

CEO, St Ralph Sherwin CMAT

Headteacher