

27th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Deacon Brian McCarthy last week. Brian was one of our Governors and also the Deacon for the parish of Saint Hilda and Saint Aidan. Brian was a great supporter of our school and a loved and respected member of our community. He will be sadly missed. Bishop Mark is saying mass for Brian from Shrewsbury Cathedral on Friday 29th May at 12.15pm this will be televised on Church Services TV.

Updates.

School will be **closed from 29th May for a week and also on Monday 8th June** for a Training Day for staff before more children potentially return on the 9th June. Sorry for the inconvenience and short notice of the 8th June but I need the time to brief the staff after the deep clean and time to prepare the new areas for your children.

The school will open only for more children if the 5 tests have been met so I will send further information out on Friday.

I can let you know that we do intend to start with **Y6 on the 9th June plus the Keyworker children** and there will be staggered start and finish times which will be communicated to you on Friday. We will then move to Y1 the following week (15th June) if we are confident that this can be managed with the staffing and the space. The children will be in groups and separate classrooms with up to 10 children with a Teacher and a Teaching Assistant.

Government guidance is still the same – you will still have the option to keep your child at home or for them to return to school.

**School will be closed
to all pupils every Friday afternoon for a deep clean.**

Early Years

Due

to the changing Early Years Guidance I will be unable to readmit Nursery at the moment. I do apologise for this but due to available staffing and space it will not be possible to accommodate the children. We may have some capacity for Reception children from the 22nd June (I will keep you informed as soon as I can if this is a possibility).

None of these plans are satisfactory from my point of view but I am doing my very best with the space that we have in the school (in order to socially distance the children as best as we can) and the staffing that I have available to cover the classes.

I am really sorry that I am unable to bring all of the children back to school.

There will be more information on Friday but I only thought it was fair to share this plan with you after my Governing Body meeting yesterday.

With prayers,

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