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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will all be aware, the Prime Minister announced this week the Government's plan to possibly begin to allow specific pupils to attend school from the 1 June 2020, at the earliest. The specific year groups mentioned were Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The Government and Department for Education continue to release guidance this week to help schools and local authorities come to an informed decision and develop a risk-sensible action plan for reopening.

We would like to reassure you that we are working hard to formulate our own plan that reflects the nature of our school community, our staffing capacity and the design of our building. The Governing Body and Senior Leaders will consult with the Local Authority and work with the guidance that we are provided. Our first and foremost priority is to keep children, staff and members of our community safe and if we were to reopen the school, it would be based on the principle that we have reduced as many of the risks as possible. However, we have to be honest and understand that social distancing does not exist in a primary school, as has been evident with a very small number of children over the last few weeks. We can arrange the classrooms and organise groups of children to minimise contact, but it would be simply foolish to believe that we can enforce social distancing regulations with young children. Therefore, to ensure the safety of our pupils, we will attempt to formulate our own plan to try and best meet the needs of our children, in our context.

For now, school remains closed and we continue to offer Key Worker and Vulnerable Childcare Provision for those families to which it is essential. If your family situation changes and you believe that you may need to access this provision, or you have any other questions and concerns you would like to raise, please don't hesitate to get in touch by email: head@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk

As always, we aim to keep parents and carers informed of the changing situation via email, text and Facebook. We will continue to work together to best support our community.

Kind regards

Mr Daniel Hargreaves
Headteacher