



9th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know that our Director of Public Health has reviewed his guidance that schools should not welcome more pupils and has determined that it should not change.

That means Dr Sakthi Karunanithi is advising that we should continue to delay reopening to further pupils in schools. It is still the case that he believes two of the five government tests are not being met in the county.

Edwina Grant OBE, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services for Lancashire County Council, has advised that; although the number of new cases has decreased, Lancashire and the North West has a high number of cases compared to many other regions in the country.

Similarly, although the weekly death count in Lancashire is showing a downward trend, a consistent decline is not being seen in all areas, and in recent weeks we have seen an increase. It has also been widely reported that the R value for the North West is above 1. Locally, all partners are working closely in the development of our local response to support Test and Trace.

It is felt that, although some progress has been made, more work needs to be done to properly embed local expertise into the national NHS Test and Trace system.

Lancashire people have worked so hard throughout the pandemic in keeping the virus at bay. With various national lock down measures lifting, we need to remain vigilant in following social distancing rules to help prevent the infection spreading.

Today I met with governors of Skerton St Luke's and they have agreed to follow this advice. Dr Karunanithi will review the situation again next Monday, and if it changes, we will let you know how we can open further for more pupils from 22 June.

Please continue to support your children's learning through Class Dojo. Our priority remains the safety of children, staff and families.

Many thanks for your continued support and please continue to look after yourselves and each other.

Yours sincerely

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