



The Annunciation Catholic Junior School

Archdiocese of Westminster London Borough of Barnet

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Dear Parents,

Re : Phased Reopening of The Annunciation Catholic Junior School

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to begin by saying that we hope you and your families are safe and well. In addition, we would like to thank you for your continuing support of the school during these unprecedented times. The supportive messages many of you emailed to staff, both before Easter and since then, lifted their spirits and kept them going during these strange times. I am sure you will agree that Mrs Minihan and school staff have done an outstanding job in what are challenging circumstances. We owe all key workers an enormous debt of gratitude.

As you are no doubt aware, the Government recently announced that it intends to partially reopen schools to additional groups of pupils from 1 June provided it is safe to do so. This gradual reopening of schools will depend on five key tests being met and the Government will make a definitive announcement about this on 28 May.

The School has been open for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils since lockdown began on 23 March. If the Government's five key tests are met and it is deemed safe for more pupils to attend school, Year 6 pupils only will return to The Annunciation Catholic Junior School from Thursday 4 June.

In preparation for Year 6 pupils' return, risk assessments have been conducted and additional measures introduced to minimise the risk of Covid-19 transmission. These plans were shared with the Governing Board at their recent virtual meeting and we are confident that, in the event of the Government giving the green light for schools to reopen, every effort will be made by the School to follow the strict Government guidance that it has so successfully implemented for the pupils who have attended school since 23 March. As Governors, our primary concern is the health, safety and well-being of pupils and staff.

Parents who have children in Year 6 will now need to decide whether or not to follow the Government's advice and send their child/children to school. **The first group of year six pupils will return to school on Thursday 4 June.** We understand that many of you may have anxieties about your child returning to school. Parents who decide against sending their child/children back to school will not receive a fine or fixed penalty. For children who remain at home, the high quality home learning provided to date by the School will continue.

Once the Government has made a definitive announcement next week, Mrs Minihan will write to you with detailed information on how the School will operate for Year 6 pupils returning on Thursday 4 June. In the meantime, thank you for your continued understanding and support during this period of uncertainty,

May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Yours sincerely,
Anne O'Shea (Mrs)
Chair of Governors