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Dear Parents/ Guardians

We hope that you are well and healthy both physically and mentally in these difficult times. It has now been eleven weeks since schools closed and the Government have given us notice that schools can re-open from June 1st. However, St. Ann's is currently in the process of academising into JMAT (James Montgomery Academy Trust) where we work together with sixteen other schools - the vast majority being Rotherham schools. Their directors have said they will only open their schools when there are/is;

- 1) Appropriate stocks of PPE according to risk assessment
- 2) Appropriate stocks of hygiene according to risk assessment
- 3) An effective Track and Trace system is in place in the locality.

The lack of an effective track and trace system has driven them to make the decision that their schools will re-open from 8th June if this is place. We have therefore made the decision to re-open on **MONDAY 15th JUNE for Foundation Y1 and Y6 children.**

Since our previous letter to you, adults at school have been working really hard to get the school safe and effective to learn in, following the government's guidelines. **Risk assessments** have been carried out and we have changed the whole lay out of the school and of each classroom - **the number of children, the resources, the adults and the routines in each classroom have all been adapted, as too have how we enter and leave the school premises and buildings.**

We totally understand any worries or anxieties that you may have when thinking about sending your child back to school, but let me reassure you that we have thought very carefully and worked really hard to make sure all of our pupils remain as safe as possible, when we re-open. There is a detailed **Risk Assessment** for you to read, on our web site in the **Parents' section – Newsletters**

If you have chosen to not send your child/children back to school at this point, then we will be in **weekly contact either by telephone or by visiting your home** and we will ask about whether you want to change your mind. **Children staying at home, MUST however, still complete the home/school learning** that has been set up by their teacher. These will be delivered to your house every two weeks and collected on the next visit.

I would like to point out that you **will not be fined** for keeping your child at home, but you must keep in contact with us and **tell us of any change in address or phone numbers**

We have put together a key question and answer sheet to help support you in making your decision. We have provided as many answers as possible to the questions parents have been worried about during the home phone calls.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Rowan - Joint Head Teacher

