



The Federation of Burrington and Wrington Church Schools

Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14

29th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

DELAYS ON WIDER SCHOOL OPENING IN JUNE 2020 - -PLEASE READ

On Thursday 28th May, the Prime Minister confirmed that nationally the five qualifying conditions had been met and therefore the wider reopening of schools could happen from June 1st. Since schools were first told of this ambition, staff have been working to prepare meticulously for this: completing risk assessments; reviewing procedures; site organisation; re-organising staffing and procuring additional hygiene products etc. The school governors have reviewed the risk assessments of both schools and these have been approved. Governors have also visited both sites as part of these risk assessments and they are satisfied that the schools will be ready to open in June at the appropriate dates.

The Governors have also been considering **the local situation** regarding Covid-19. You will be aware from the national and local press, that in recent days Weston General Hospital has been closed due to an outbreak of the virus there. Schools have sought advice from the Director of Public Health in North Somerset and at the moment, the virus does not appear to be declining at the same rate in North Somerset as in other nearby areas. The health and safety of our whole community is of paramount importance and we wish to tread with caution, given the specific local Covid-19 situation.

In line with many other schools in North Somerset, **the Governors have made the decision to defer the earliest opening for either Burrington or Wrington until the week beginning Monday 8th June.** We will continue to monitor the local position and take a cautious approach. **This will mean that Burrington Primary will NOT open on Thursday 4th June and there may also be a delay to the return date of the children at Wrington.**

We will review and confirm revised return dates by email/parentmail by Thursday 4th June.

It is still our ambition to open as soon as is possible and Wrington Primary will continue to be open for children of federation key workers from Tuesday 2nd June. The staff will be in the schools next week and will continue to prepare for wider reopening. We will continue to have an INSET day on Monday 1st June as part of our preparations. As the wider reopening of Burrington Primary will NOT go ahead on Thursday 4th June as originally planned, Burrington key worker parents may therefore require additional childcare at Wrington to cover these days (and we will be open Friday 5th June until 3.30pm). Please email the school ASAP with your requirements to reserve a place and ensure we have capacity.

We realise this will be disappointing to families who were looking forward to the return of some of our children next week. We will be monitoring the local situation closely.

We thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

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Headteacher

Chair of Governors