



Dear Parents and Carers,

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

With the half term break approaching, I am keen to provide you with as much information as possible about our position regarding the potential re-opening of primary schools on June 1 as stated by the Government.

Yesterday, Cumbria County Council announced it would be adopting a “tailored approach” to the situation which allows individual schools to “make their own decisions about how and when they can safely open.” Our approach is very much in line with other schools from across the region, who are also currently organising the move away from the “Hub Schools” back to provision on their own sites.

The staff and governors of Castle Carrock School have been working hard on proposals to achieve this at the earliest opportunity by identifying, scrutinising and analysing all the potential risks that are specific to our situation. This risk assessment process remains ongoing.

Last night, the Governing Body met to review this complex process and it was agreed in order for us to ensure the safety of children, staff and the wider community - our number one priority - we are unable to commit to the Government’s intended date for reopening on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Instead, we are working towards a potential re-opening on **Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** when it is likely that we will only be able to open for children of **critical workers** and **vulnerable children** (as defined by the Government).

Again, this position is dependent on us being able to meet the strict criteria of the risk assessment process and, of course, on any further instructions issued by central Government.

The return to the classroom of the other pupil groups specified by the Prime Minister - nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils - would then be on a phased basis (dependent upon us being able to meet risk assessment criteria).

The situation is evolving daily and we will endeavour to keep you informed of any developments as they arise. While we fully appreciate this situation is incredibly difficult for many families, we want to assure you we are doing all we can to ensure we can reopen our doors again when, and only when, it is safe to do so.

If you are uncertain about how these proposals will affect your own situation, please get in touch with Ms Stacey. Thank you very much for your understanding during this period and your continued support for the school.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christian Judd".

Christian Judd  
Chair of Governors