



# Saint Edmund's and Saint Thomas' Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

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## CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 13

### Update Phased Reopening of Schools

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Sefton Local Authority wrote to you with their recommendations that schools should prepare for a wider opening from **15<sup>th</sup> June 2020** rather than the government's 1<sup>st</sup> June proposal. Given the planning requirement in terms of assessing and minimising risk to children and staff and preparing the school buildings for a wider reopening, this seemed a very wise proposal.

At this moment, I wish to confirm that **school is intending to follow the Local Authority's recommendation and will be proposing to open to the nominated year groups from Nursery Reception Year 1 and Year 6 on 15<sup>th</sup> June** should you decide that you wish your child to return to school then and there is a place in revised class sizes. This situation is continually under review in relation to staff availability and their professional associations' discussions with government.

**School will only be admitting the children of key workers and those deemed vulnerable in the interim weeks of w c 1st June and w c 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

With over two weeks until a proposed wider opening we will be sending out a second survey for a couple of reasons;

- (i) The situation may have changed for you having read the Local Authority communication, news items etc
- (ii) We now need a clear commitment from you, a **Yes** or a **No** response will suffice now that we have a helpful steer from the Local Authority so we are removing the **maybe** option to assist our planning
- (iii) We expect **all parents** to respond to this second survey as we had 34% who did not respond to the first survey, even after reminders and after deadlines.

The survey will be linked to a letter which will detail our plan for reopening so look out for it in the next two days. Many thanks to you all again for your patience and fabulous support as we continue to navigate our way to a semblance of normality.

Yours sincerely,

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