

Subject: New work and update

Date sent: 17th May 2020, 4:31pm

Great Barford C of E Primary Academy

Dear All,

Well it's been another very testing week and although some of the restrictions have been lifted I think we are all finding life pretty hard and confusing at the moment, probably more so than in the previous weeks.

Myself, Mrs Collins and Mrs Ingram have been working hard to develop a phased reopening plan for when, or if, we get the go ahead for 1st June. The guidance for schools was changed on Thursday evening and we are now awaiting further guidance from our unions and the government about how we should progress.

Can I assure you that I will not accept guidance that puts children and staff at higher risk than I feel is necessary? Our Board supports this stance and all decisions are being rigorously risk assessed in terms of the safety of the children and staff.

As soon as I am able to share an offer and a date for a partial phased re-opening, I will. With this offer there will be a code of practice and a code of conduct that will also be shared stating the measures we will put in place to keep everyone safe. This document will help you as parents and carers to decide whether you wish to take up this offer.

At this stage the government have made it clear that attendance by the children would be down to parental choice once they have weighed up the risks for their children and families.

I am sorry I haven't any firmer information at the moment.

On the positive though, this week's work is now available on the school website with more messages from the staff.(I apologise that a couple of the videos will appear early next week as we are still having a few issues with our technology.)

Thank you again for your support. Your lovely messages have really kept us going. We can't wait to see the children again and we're working hard to deliver a plan that will safely do this.

Take care
Sarah Evans
Headteacher