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### **COVID-19 UPDATE 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO DELAY FURTHER SCHOOL OPENING**

Yesterday, Lancashire County Council made the announcement that they are advising schools in Lancashire to delay opening the nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils beyond Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

This announcement is based on the findings of the Dr Karunanithi, Director of Public Health for Lancashire, who having reviewed the scientific evidence concluded that only 3 out of the 5 tests set out for the safe further opening of schools are currently being met in Lancashire. As a result, his advice to Lancashire County Council is that at this time it would be unsafe to proceed.

The situation is being kept under review and things may yet change before Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June when our school is due to welcome some nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children back to school.

I fully understand the frustration some of you may feel having perhaps made arrangements to return to work from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

However, at this stage and in light of the published advice, Holy Trinity will not be opening on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June unless the advice from the Lancashire County Council changes.

A great deal of work has already been put into planning for the return of the children, and these preparations will continue so that we will be able to increase the number of children attending school as soon as the local Public Health Authorities conclude that it is safe to do so.

The overriding criteria for children coming back to school has always been their safety, the safety of the adults working in school and the safety of the families of both pupils and staff.

In light of the medical and scientific advice now being given that it is not yet safe for Lancashire schools to open, and after consulting with the Chair of the Governing Body, I am postponing any further opening until Lancashire County Council advises that it is safe to do so.

Online Home Learning will continue as it has done in the past 9 weeks, and The Key Worker and Vulnerable Group of children will continue to attend school.

As soon as the situation changes, I will let you know.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

J. Aspin  
Headteacher