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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you all well and we would like to thank you all for the support and sense of community you have shown during these unprecedented and difficult times.

We want to see all of your children return to school and we have missed everyone greatly, but our first priority is, and always must be, the safety and welfare of our pupils, families and staff. Following the announcement on Friday that the R rate has risen above 1 in the North West and the Government's 'Track and Trace' programme is not yet up and running, Cheshire West and Cheshire Council, like many local authorities in the North West, gave schools their support to stay closed until they felt it was safe to re-open.

We have therefore made the difficult, but only responsible decision, to delay wider opening of our school until 22/06/2020 at the earliest. We will of course respond to the advice and information then and it may be that the date is further delayed.

We will remain open for children of keyworkers and vulnerable children but please be aware that the level of risk of getting and spreading Covid 19 still remains extremely high and we request that you only use a keyworker place if it is absolutely needed.

We are all very sorry that we will not be able to welcome our pupils back yet and we know this may be disappointing for pupils, who were looking forward to coming back, and parents needing to return to work, but we must put safety first. Now that we are no longer re-opening next week I will be holding a virtual meeting with the teachers on Wednesday to look at how we can enable the children to have opportunities to interact with their teacher and other pupils safely and continue to support their education.

Please continue to look after yourselves and each other.

Yours sincerely

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