Dear Parents and Carers

By now you have probably seen the government announcement that schools may be in a position to re-open from 1st June starting with pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This is part of the government's conditional plan which will remain under regular review.

I'm sure that as parents you will have many questions about this plan. I understand that above all you will need to feel confident that it safe for your child to return to school.

At this stage, we are waiting for more information from the government about what this plan means for St Barnabas. We don't have any more information than you at the moment.

We, like you, are keen to get children back into school as soon as possible but our first priority is the safety of everyone in our school community.

Over the coming weeks, we will be working with CYC and making plans based on the guidance that we receive from central government and taking into account our own school context. I will keep you updated about the plans for St Barnabas.

In the short-term, nothing has changed for schools - we remain open for children of key workers and children with social workers who cannot be cared for safely at home. The <u>definition of key workers</u> remains the same at the moment. If your child is in one of these groups and needs to come to school, please email <u>stbarnabas@york.gov.uk</u>, giving at least 24 hours notice so that we can put the required staffing in place.

The York Schools and Academies Board has sent a letter to staff and governors of schools today, explaining it's position on the announcement. You can read this letter <u>here</u>.

I will be sending my usual weekly update email later today with news of a St Barnabas community project that I hope you will all take part in.

Stay safe!

With best wishes

Miss K Boardman

<u>Headteacher</u>