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Dear Parent/Carer,

I want to update you on where we are up to in relation to school reopening.

Currently the government has asked schools to reopen to Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6, where possible. Children of Key Workers and those children who are considered as 'Vulnerable' - a government term, are still eligible to attend.

Last week and this week teachers across all year groups have telephoned every parent/carer. As well as enquiring how things were going with home learning, we wanted to gauge how likely it was that places offered would be taken up, when it was safe to do so.

Despite the impression that some media reports may suggest, the desire to fully open our school amongst staff and governors, could not be stronger. We pride ourselves on the relationships we have with our children and families and seeing the delight on the faces of those who have been in school has been a wonderful tonic!

I know that the teachers are very concerned by the varied response to the home learning they set up on Tapestry (Early Years) and Seesaw. Whilst it is understandable that access to technology and technical problems can be challenging, too many of our children are still doing very little at home, despite support from teachers and a dedicated trouble shooting email address overseen by Mr Barton – homelearning@allsaintsprimary.net
We know that home learning over so many weeks is an incredible challenge for parents and carers. Please do get in touch if you are finding it really difficult or you think we can help.

For Year 6 parents and those new to Reception and Nursery, there is of course and added concern around transition.

I have contacted all of the relevant secondary schools to urge a greater clarity around transition. Year 6 parents/carers will have received a personal invitation to return to school.

For those joining us in Reception and Nursery, a virtual tour of the Early Years Department will be on our website and a welcome pack should arrive in the post shortly.

As I write, we are trying to plan for September, but it is still unclear what the situation will be. I can assure you that staff and I will do absolutely everything possible to open school as fully as we can.

Having spoken with so many parents over the past week, I know so many children and parents are worried about the gaps in learning. Again, I want to reassure you and your child that every class teacher is fully aware of this and will assess and plan for each child accordingly. As you already know, the school day will be extended to allow an additional twenty five minutes a day teaching time.

As children will be unable to have their normal 'moving up' day, their new teachers will welcome them to their new class and introduce themselves via a video clip on our website (before the end of term) and by letter which will be sent home by each class teacher. There are a number of changes to staffing for September, so I will write to you separately about these.

The situation regarding School Meals, Breakfast and After School Clubs in September is still not clear - again we will update you on this as soon as clarification from government allows. As you know, school meal vouchers will now be issued by the government to cover the school holiday - if you have any queries regarding the vouchers the email is freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com

It would be really helpful if we could have up to date contact details, including email address, for all our families. If you have moved house or changed your phone number recently these need to be updated. It is hard to communicate with families during this crisis, with so many children not in school. As things change so quickly, this will really help us to keep you updated.

[PLEASE EMAIL admin.allsaints@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:admin.allsaints@schools.sefton.gov.uk) or RING SCHOOL 0151 288 6420 WITH ANY UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS e.g. MOBILE NUMBER, LANDLINE NUMBER, ADDRESS or EMAIL

Finally, we appreciate how difficult life is at the moment. School is here to help in any way we can. Please give us a call if you are struggling with home schooling, housing, mental health, finances or anything else.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Holleran
Headteacher