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Dear Parents/Carers,

The St Aidan's Staff Team and Governing Body would like to thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time. We hope that this letter finds you all safe and well.

As promised in our last communication with you on 20.5.20. we have very carefully reviewed whether or not we can safely open to additional pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We have revisited: the intentions of parent/carers; our consultation with staff; and our detailed contingency plan and risk assessment.

The Governing Body have decided that as there has been no distinct change in the R rate and the severity of the current situation; the risks remain too high for us to be able to re-open to additional pupils at this present time.

As previously indicated this decision will be reviewed every two weeks and parent/carers will be kept up to date with our plans.

Please rest assured that once again this is not a decision that has been taken lightly and we completely understand that some parent/carers may not be happy about this. However it is a decision that has been made with the health, safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff being of paramount importance

At the moment, we will remain open to vulnerable pupils and the eligible children of critical workers and online learning will continue. As promised this decision will be regularly reviewed and although there is nothing more that we want than for everyone to be able to return to school, we cannot do so until we can guarantee that the experiences of staff and children on site will be positive ones with the minimum of risk.

Once again we have made the decision for what we know to be best for our school. We still feel it appropriate to be considered to be over cautious than potentially being responsible for pain, heartache and suffering.

God bless,

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