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Dear Families,

School Closure 25 – 29 May 2020

I hope you and your families are all safe and well. Thank you for completing our survey last week and for your very supportive responses.

We are currently working on how we may increase our current capacity to allow additional pupils from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to school. In order to establish what we believe to be safe for our pupils, staff and the families of both, our first task is to address the level of risk which the Government has asked us to assume. This is a difficult and lengthy process which involves close collaboration with partners such as Public Health England, the Local Authority and other agencies who support our schools.

We all want our pupils to return as soon as is safely possible however, we must ensure it is safe for everyone.

To help prepare for the wider opening of school we will be **closed from 25-29 May** (half term) to all children including that of key worker families. This is a decision that has not been made lightly but this will allow us to start the necessary preparations for wider opening.

School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 22 May 2020 and reopen to families of key workers only on 1 June 2020 at 9am.

Monday 1 June is a training day for staff however, we will accommodate key worker children on this day.

Thank you for your help with the survey sent out last week. We are aware that some families can only access the survey once and we apologise if this has caused an inconvenience.

To help with our planning and risk assessments, we are asking all families of key workers to inform us where possible what childcare provision they need from 1 June until 15 June as soon as possible. This can be emailed to Mrs Phillips in the school office at admin@stcharles.newcastle.sch.uk by Wednesday 20 May. Title the email key worker children and identify which days you will be sending your children. This will help us to plan how many pupils we can accommodate alongside key worker children.

As soon as our plan for wider opening has been approved by governors, we will share this with you. At this moment in time, I don't anticipate we will be offering any other year group places from 1 June. We will offer places when we know we can operate safely for all involved.





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Thank you for your continued support and patience. It is very much appreciated and we hope to safely welcome as many pupils as we can soon.

If you need any help with home learning or would like contact from a staff member, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Mrs Nealings
Head Teacher

