

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Governing Body for St Georges Primary school met yesterday, 25 May 2020, to examine the school's plan for re-opening and the related risk assessments.

As a body we were both impressed with the plans and reassured that everything possible will be done to ensure that both pupils and staff are the safest they can be in the school environment. To that end we would like to thank Mrs Luxon and her staff for their hard work over what has been a unique and very stressful period.

We did, however, examine various advice and data available, including advice from the independent body SAGE. They have suggested that schools should wait until the track, trace and isolate programme is fully operational, before opening schools to restricted year groups. With the track and trace system due to be introduced across the country on 1 June 2020, this will not have had time to become functional by our proposed re-opening date of 3 June 2020. Therefore we have taken the unanimous decision to delay re-opening of the school to reception, years 1 and years 6 until the track and trace system is fully running.

Initially we intend to delay opening by 1 week until 10 June 2020. This decision will be reviewed by governors on 7 June 2020.

We appreciate this news may make things difficult for some parents, but as governors we feel strongly that we must do our very best to ensure the safety of pupils and staff and could not with any conscience approve re-opening on 3 June 2020. By delaying the re-opening this not only gives time for the track and trace system to be established but also allows us to be sure than the reproductive rate, or "R" remains below 1 for the area after the easing of lockdown restrictions.

Mrs Luxon will be issuing a further letter with more details shortly.

Many thanks

Lisa Vbranch-Wellman

Chair of Governors

St Georges Primary