



# Alfred Street Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say well done to you all, you are all doing a fantastic job keeping your children and the Nation safe. It has been super seeing photos and receiving messages from the children, we love to receive them so please keep them coming! Feel free to post things through the letter box or email via the school office or heads email found in the letter head above.

I'm sure that after the statement from the Prime Minister last night, outlining next steps in the approach to Corona Virus, there are lots of questions you have. We too have lots of questions and feel much further clarification is needed.

The Prime Minister said that, depending on five tests, as part of Step Two, Primary schools may begin to re-open with pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. At the moment, for us in school, there is no change to the guidance until 1<sup>st</sup> June. Although some people have been encouraged to go back to work, I must stress that at this point schools remain open only for those parent whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and those that cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still that it is safer to stay at home.

Currently, we have not received any information to support us with the new plan to start the phased reopening of some year groups. We expect we will receive further information from the DFE shortly. We feel we will need clear guidance to plan how it is possible to social distance in school and keep our children, teachers and families' safe; how we might start to phase groups of children returning and what this will look like. I do not want to make any changes until we are 100% prepared and feel more confident that we can safely put these plans in place. Please be assured that your child's best interest's are at the heart of everything we do.

As always, we will keep you informed but for now, please try not to worry. Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for home learning, keep contact with you, our families and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

Stay strong and stay safe.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs K O'Connor  
Head Teacher

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