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Dear parent/carers,

On Friday I sent a text out to all parents explaining that Tameside have advised all schools to delay re-opening until Monday 22nd June at the earliest, due to the R rate in Tameside being above 1. Understanding the R rate is quite complex but the key number is 1. If the R rating is 1 or above this means that potentially there is a concern that the spread rate of the virus is too high to contain.

Therefore, Tameside have taken the decision to advise all schools to delay reopening until the R rate is below 1 which will hopefully happen in the next few weeks IF people continue to follow the social distancing guidelines. We hope to open for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 on Monday 22nd June but are closely following the guidance from Tameside and will give you the latest updates when we have them.

The **only** way that we are going to be able to open is if **ALL** our families follow the social distancing guidelines that the government have asked us to follow.

The latest guidance is:

- **You can spend time outdoors, including private gardens and other outdoor spaces, in groups of up to six people from different households, following social distancing guidelines (2m apart at all times)**
- **You can be tested as part of the [test and trace programme](#), which will enable us to return to normal life as soon as possible, by helping to control transmission risks**

You must not:

- **gather outdoors in groups of more than six people with people you do not live with**
- **visit friends or family inside their home or any other indoor place**
- **stay away from your own home overnight, except for in a limited set of circumstances, such as for work purposes**

As part of this guidance schools have also been told to ask any families who are displaying symptoms to immediately apply for a COVID-19 test to find out the result. The result not only supports the family in determining whether they need to self-isolate but it also means that ALL the pupils and staff who have been working in that bubble also need to self-isolate as well for 14



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days, if the test result is positive. Therefore, it is really important that parents keep the school informed of the results of any tests completed as we will not be able to allow pupils to return unless they have been tested.

I am asking all our families and community to please follow this guidance closely. Without working together and following these guidelines we will not be able to re-open before the end of the summer term which all staff would like to do. We have all missed the pupils being in school and would like to aim for all pupils returning before we finish at the end of July, but this will not happen unless we follow the social distancing regulations.

Please support our school, and the whole country, by following the guidelines so that we can return to learning as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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