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Good afternoon everyone,

We have been busy this week preparing the school for wider opening that will happen next week. At present the R rate across Tameside is not increasing enough for Tameside to advise schools to closed and this is great news. We also have some news about our school taking part in the national Track and Trace programme in this newsletter as well so please read on.

Wider opening of school

Next week the school will be opening for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Key Workers. The government have asked us to encourage pupils to come back to school but we do understand if you still have concerns and choose to educate your children from home. There will be no sanctions or fines in place for pupils not attending but we do ask that your children complete the work packs that have been sent out.

We are hoping to open for Year 6 pupils in the near future depending on the numbers of children we receive next week. Our aim is to review the numbers, check with parents who haven't attended, and then make a judgement on the opening time for Year 6. Hopefully, we will be able to set some dates by the newsletter next week.

Can I just reiterate though that this could change depending on the R rate in Tameside so please check on the school website for any changes?

Track and Trace

As part of the Forward As One Trust, we have been chosen as a school to support in the government's track and trace scheme. On Tuesday morning all the staff and most of the pupils had a range of tests including a saliva test, two different swabs and a blood test. They test a variety of things including whether anyone has the virus now or if they have the antibodies due to having COVID-19 previously. Yesterday I received the good news that ALL the staff and pupils tested do not currently have the virus. The antibody test results will be returned in the next 1-4 weeks. They will be returning regularly to retest this group to monitor the impact of wider reopening on the spread of the virus.

Learning packs

Learning packs have been collected by many families over the past two weeks and we will continue to offer them for parent between 9am-12pm each day from the back entrance in the school car park. Please collect a learning pack if you haven't and complete the work with your children. The next learning packs will be available from Monday 29th June, from the same area.

If you have any problems with the work or have any questions, do not hesitate to use all the online resources we have given out or contact your class teacher using their email address.





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Free School Meal Delivery boxes

Mrs Chilton and I have been, and will continue to, deliver weekly food boxes for any families that receive Free School Meals. We deliver about 40 each week so if you are eligible please email me on htt@canonjohnson.co.uk to receive a weekly food parcel for your child.

Pupil Premium Eligibility

Can I say a big thank you to all the parents that have completed and returned their Pupil Premium eligibility form? These enable the school to receive funding and mean your child can receive free school meals. As an incentive to complete it we are providing a school sweatshirt for your child ready for September. Please fill them in and drop them off in school.

The form is also available to download from our school website https://www.canonjohnson.co.uk/news-1/letters

Social Distancing guidelines

The final section of this newsletter this week is a plea to all families. The Tameside R rate is one of the highest in Greater Manchester and has meant we have had to delay the opening of schools until next week. The only way pupils are going to be able to return is if this rate drops below 1. Please follow the social distancing guidelines that have been issued so that we can all come back to school safely and enjoy learning again. If the staff are made aware of families not following legal guidelines we may ask that your child does not return to school as this could put pupils and staff's families in danger.

Once again, thank you for your patience and support for the staff of the school. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything at all on ht@canonjohnson.co.uk and please stay safe.

Have a good weekend

Mr Bidgood Headteacher

