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Dear Parents,

Firstly, we hope you and your families are well and again, we thank you for your co-operation and understanding during these unprecedented times.

On Monday, the Director of Public Health for Lancashire revised his guidance about schools reopening to more pupils. Schools in Lancashire have been advised they can now consider the decision to open more widely to pupils from 22nd June, if having undertaken a risk assessment; we consider ourselves safe and ready to do so.

The decision to welcome back more pupils to Lancashire's schools lies with head teachers, in consultation with the board of governors, taking into account individual circumstances. As you are aware, due to the limitations of our building, we have a certain amount of space in school. We also have a high number of Key Worker families and as such we are already operating in bubbles, some of which are full.

Each school in Lancashire is different, and we have had to carefully consider a number of factors in our risk assessment to make our setting Covid-secure. Critical to this is our ability to encourage social distancing for pupils which means at the current expectation of 2 metres, a number of our classrooms will only safely accommodate 7 or 8 children. We really want to welcome back more year groups, but under the current guidance, we cannot.

If you are a Key Worker and you anticipate you might need a place for your child prior to the end of this academic year please e mail bursar@ssmj.lancs.sch.uk as a matter of urgency, by Friday 18th June at noon.

If your child currently has a place in a bubble and is in EYFS, Y1 or Y6 then in line with the guidance, regardless of your working commitments or shift pattern, they can attend each day Monday to Thursday from the 22nd June, but we ask that you inform us if this is your intention. **The information we are requesting will again support us with our future planning. Once we have the numbers and days, we can determine what the next 4 weeks will look like for us.**

In the meantime, it is lovely to see what you are doing at home. I have managed to 'see' some of our children by popping in to class Zooms, which has been lovely. I am aware that some of our children are finding it difficult being away from school and not having a normal



routine. You know your children best and supporting their mental health and well-being is the first priority.

We will continue to work within the guidance to try to welcome as many children back to school as long as it is safe to do so.

If you have any worries, concerns, question or if we can help in any way, please e mail me or telephone me at school.

Yours Sincerely

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Mrs Zoe Mabbott
Head teacher



Mr Mark Evans
Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Board