



## Roby Mill CE Primary School – Intentions to re-open school

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

We had a governor's meeting last night to discuss the budget and the present Covid-19 situation. We had a long discussion about what is right for Roby Mill, so this is what we decided, and hope that you, our parents will support us with our decision of not re-opening to children other than that of key workers for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Due to having had pneumonia over February half term I have had to self-isolate since then, therefore all the staffing of school has been led by Nicola, Sophie, Julie and Katie....and I cannot thank them enough for what they have done, and the way they have supported our 3 Key Worker families.

However, these 4 staff have worked every week from January 6<sup>th</sup>, without a significant amount of time off, they are 'frazzled' and I fear will burn out if we don't insist they have some time away from school. So, I am insisting that they all have at least half term off, and hope that our key worker families understand, and can find alternative childcare if they are working that week?

In addition to this all the teacher unions are insisting, that especially in the Northwest, it's far too soon to have our children in school, where it will be difficult to get them to self-isolate. Unless all the 5 categories identified by government are met, schools will not re-open on June 1<sup>st</sup> and I strongly believe that these won't be met by then.

**School will therefore be open as follows:**

Week beginning	Children in school	Staffing in school
18/5	Key Worker children	Mrs Grand & Ms Moorcroft
25/5	Half term...closed to all children	None
1/6	Key Worker children	Miss Bennett & Mrs Thomas Lawson
8/6	Keyworker children + possibly Yr 6	All staff
15/6	Keyworker children, Yr 6 + possibly Yr 1 and Reception	All staff...only <b>IF</b> safe to do so.

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Headteacher: Mrs K A Stephens • Head of School: Mrs N Grand



All staff will actually do 4 days each week, as we have Mrs Lloyd and Ms Owens doing 1 day each.

**The safety of our children and staff is paramount, and if we feel we cannot keep them safe with all the restrictions being set, we will not be re-opening to children other than key workers until it is safe to do so.**

I will email you all during the week beginning 1/6/2020 and let you know whether we feel it's safe to welcome back Yr 6 for the following week please also look at our website for this.

If you have any worries at all, please use our mobile phone to speak to Mrs Grand or to leave text messages on **07716 031216**.

I am hoping that by emailing you early it will be alleviating any fears you had about your child coming back to school and hope that you both understand and agree with my reasoning behind these decisions.

Take care and more importantly stay safe!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. A. Stephens', written in a cursive style.

Karen Stephens  
Headteacher