

# ROBY MILL C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are in unprecedented times, and I fear last night's presentation from our PM hasn't helped clear up what we in schools can do from June 1<sup>st</sup>. However, I do think that in the coming few weeks things will be much clearer about what we will be allowed to do. We will post all information on our website and email you.

This is part of an email from my HT's union, NAHT last night following our PM's message to us all, and may help:

*"We have also said that any plan to increase the number of pupils in schools has to be practicable and manageable. Our worry is that, as broadly outlined this evening, the government's conditional plan may not be either of those things. In many cases it will be physically impossible to bring back the number of pupils being suggested and maintain any sense of social distancing, this is especially the case in infant and **small schools**.*

*I want to remind all our members that school leaders are still the people who know their schools best. If the national guidance (once known) cannot be safely applied in your school, you will retain the power along with your governing body or trust board to make decisions regarding the safety of pupils and staff based on your own individual risk assessments. This may ultimately mean that schools are not in a position to expand pupil numbers in the way the government has indicated on the 1 June."*

*Paul Whiteman, General Secretary NAHT*

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We will be given very clear information about how to keep your children and ourselves safe and will obviously share that with you at all times. **The safety of our children and staff is paramount, and if we feel we cannot do this, we will not be re-opening to children other than key workers on June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Unless all the 5 categories identified by government are met, schools will not re-open on June 1<sup>st</sup>. I will email you with updates on a regular basis, please look at our website for this.

At present school is open most days but only to children of key workers, 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**.

Yours sincerely

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

Karen Stephens  
Headteacher