



# St Lawrence C of E (Aided) Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

No doubt you will all have seen the latest information this about the **potential** of schools opening on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We are reminded that, at this stage, it is only provisional depending on the infection rate but we are still hearing that we will be given a two week notice period to get everything in place for the children to return.

I still see on the news that groups of people mixing closely together. A big snowball fight in Leeds and a rave in north London! I do worry that because of these people we will find ourselves spending more time in lockdown than we need to. We hope that all our families are adhering to strict lockdown rules despite what some of our children tell us! We really need to be assured that you are sticking to the rules and that your children are only coming into school when there is no ability to look after them at home. We have been extremely fortunate up to this point and we don't want to have to close a bubble or the school because we have several positive cases.

Again, I want to thank you for your generosity in providing cakes, chocolates etc. Staff marvel how there is always a range of gifts on the staffroom table. I try to take credit for it but no one is buying it!

We are pleased that we are able to maintain the remote learning. Please can I point out that there seems to be a bit of a fad at the moment of children turning off their cameras and pretending they are not working. When the teachers ask them to turn on they are able all of a sudden to get it working again. The teachers spend a lot of time preparing these lessons and teaching is about reaction from the children to see what they do or don't understand. For this the teachers need to see their faces. Please can you check that the children have their cameras on and are participating as the teachers want? It can also be distracting for all when children hold pets up to the camera or wander around the room they are in, so please ask your children to refrain from doing this. We appreciate that it is not easy learning by remote, but we do need some rules in place so that it works for all.

Right it's time to go home. I have so much planned for the weekend like sleeping in, going out for a walk, watching TV and maybe even finishing the book I'm reading. Life in the bus lane!

With best wishes

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