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Sunday 7th June 2020

**Re: Decision to delay wider reopening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we had planned to open the school more widely for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 8th June onwards. Late on Friday however, it became known that the 'R' rate of infection within the North West of England has increased above the Government's target of 1 - which sadly means that we have had to reconsider this decision.

Having consulted with our Board of Trustees, we feel it is in the best (safety) interests of our staff and pupils to postpone the wider opening of school for at least another week so that we can seek reassurances that the wider opening will not put the health and lives of our staff and pupils at risk.

In doing so, we will continue to offer places for vulnerable and key worker children for whom we have guaranteed a place - however all other children should remain at home and continue with their home learning as per current arrangements via Showbie. **Please do not send your child to school unless we have confirmed that they have been allocated a place due to being vulnerable or the child of a key worker.**

Please note during this time, the school office will remain closed and except for those staff who are required for the supervision of vulnerable and key worker children for whom we have guaranteed a place, all other staff will remain off site. With this in mind, you should continue to communicate with your child's teacher via Class Dojo and with the school office by email: [admin@theolivetreeprimary.com](mailto:admin@theolivetreeprimary.com) or by calling the school mobile on 07904 555690 if your query is urgent.

Naturally, we are disappointed at this decision but as always, the safety and well being of our staff and pupils remains a priority. We will therefore review this decision on Friday 12th June so that further updates can be provided in due course.

We appreciate that the ever-changing nature of this situation is both concerning and likely to drive anxiety amongst our school community. We are also very conscious that the timing of this letter may also be a cause of anxiety to some parents - for which we apologise. Whilst a number of Public Health Teams from our neighbouring areas have provided responses regarding the increased R rate, we are still awaiting a response from Bolton's Public Health Team to provide information / reassurance regarding the situation. We have been advised that discussions will take place with the local Public Health Team on Monday so that further information can be provided to schools / parents.

We would like to thank our staff, pupils and parents for their ongoing patience and strive for excellence to maintain continuity in children's learning whilst at home, despite the challenges of this unprecedented situation.

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Please continue to make reference to the front page of our school website for all updates regarding coronavirus.

Yours sincerely,



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