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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly we want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this last week. We did not take the decision to delay opening to further year groups lightly. The Trust Directors met yesterday to discuss next steps. We received positive updates from Mrs Rostron and Mrs Whittaker (heads of St Bede and Tonge Moor respectively) relating to how well the vulnerable children and children of key workers have adapted to the new ways we now operate, including social bubbles. The number of key worker children have continued to increase within both schools.

The government have now decided not to extend further opening to all year groups before the end of term. We have reviewed national data on instances of Covid-19 and related fatalities within Bolton, and nationally the effects relating to age and medical condition and will continue to monitor these trends. We now need to review the new transmission rate (the "R" rate) which is published on Friday. We need this to make our final decision as to whether we extend our opening beyond key worker and vulnerable children to include School nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6. Our medically vulnerable staff will continue to work from home providing online education and support to teachers who remain in school.

Whilst we understand this is very short notice for you as parents/carers we feel it is vital we obtain a full picture to allow us to make our decision. To help you plan as far as possible however, we have shared with you below the timetable we would operate from next week **IF** on Friday we decide to extend opening. If not, we will remain providing places for keyworker children and vulnerable children only.

Mike Caine, Chair of Directors

Jack Hatch, C.E.O.

Tonge Moor Primary Academy Reopening plan

Mon 15th June: Key worker/vulnerable pupils continue to access school, our current 4 bubbles will double to 8 year group bubbles as more Key worker/vulnerable pupils start to attend this will continue until the end of term

Tues 16th June: Key worker/vulnerable pupils continue to access school full time until the end of term

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Wed 17th June: Nursery and Reception pupil bubbles will be invited to access school until the end of term

WB Mon 22nd June: Year 1 pupil bubbles will be invited to access school for one week

WB Mon 29th June: Year 6 pupil bubbles will be invited to access school for one week

WB Mon 6th July: Year 1 pupil bubbles will be invited to access school for one week

WB Mon 13th July: Year 6 pupil bubbles will be invited to access school for the last 3 days of term

To ensure we can operate safely with more people on the school site:

Pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 invited back are those whose parents had confirmed they wished their child to attend school on the questionnaire sent before the half term break.

Any queries for places should be made to the school office, where your child will be added to a waiting list and you will be informed when a place is available.

Keyworker families should inform the office 7 days in advance of when a place is required and we will do our best to accommodate you.

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