

PHASED REOPENING OF SCHOOLS



ALL CHANGE AGAIN..... SINCE I WROTE TO YOU THIS

MORNING, WIRRAL'S DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES HAS STONGLY ADVISED SCHOOLS TO NOT IMPLEMENT THE WIDER OPENING OF SCHOOL'S UNTIL WEEK BEGINNING 8TH JUNE.

Following this advice, we will now need to put back the phased re-opening of school for at least another week.

PHASE 1 – WEEK BEGINNING 1ST JUNE – School will only be open to children of 'Critical Key Workers' and 'Vulnerable Children'.

PHASE 2 – WEEK BEGINNING 8TH JUNE – We hope to be able to partially

open school for Year 6 children whose parents wish for them to attend school.

PHASE 3 - WEEK BEGINNING 15TH JUNE – We hope to be able to partially open school for F2 children whose parents wish for them to attend school.

PHASE 4 - WEEK BEGINNING 22ND JUNE – We hope to be able to partially open school for Year 1 children whose parents wish for them to attend school.

ALL OF THE ABOVE IS STILL SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF WE RECEIVE FURTHER GOVERNMENT OR LOCAL AUTHORITY GUIDANCE.

WE APOLOGISE FOR THE LAST MINUTE CHANGES WHICH ARE OUT OF OUR CONTROL.

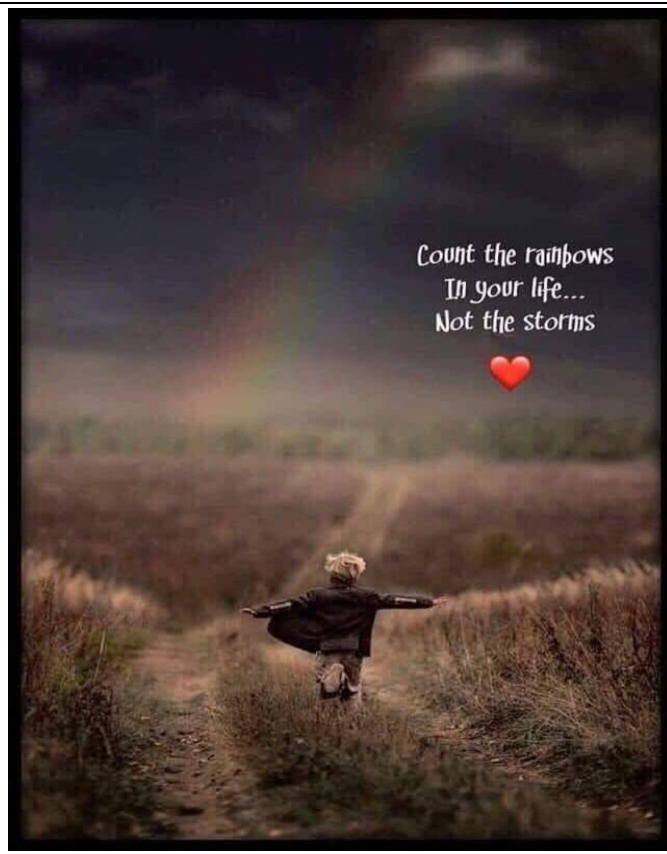
Whilst we are doing our very best to ensure the children who attend school will be kept as safe as possible, I also fully understand where parents have made the decision not to return their children to school. We are living in unprecedented times and I know as parents our greatest instinct is to love and protect our children, therefore you must all do what you feel is best for your child and whole family. If your children are attending school, I also want to reassure you that we have put a variety of safety measures in place and we promise to care for them.

I am honestly not sure where the past six weeks have gone! It has flown by and I can't believe that we are already at the end of the first summer half term. It has been a far from normal half term!

The children have now been at home for 9 weeks and we are missing them all terribly.

Throughout this horrible time when there is so much anxiety and fear it is important to remind ourselves of the many blessings we have including our own families and friends.

Next week as it is Whit Week, and the sun looks like it will continue to shine, we want you all to have a rest and some relaxation time. I know the staff deserve it too. For that reason, there will be no home learning set. Staff are still available via SEESAW if you need them in an emergency and I can be contacted via the school office email. School remains open for the children of critical key workers. The list of who qualifies as a critical key worker has not changed from the original list announced by the DFE.



Count the rainbows
In your life...
Not the storms





Wednesday 20th May was National 'Thank a Teacher' day. I am sure you will all join me in thanking all the wonderful teachers and staff at St Michael's who work so hard and are so committed and dedicated. Thank you also to you the new "teachers" at home who we can see are working so hard with your children. Keep it going, you are doing an amazing job!



This week has been 'Mental Health Awareness' week and the main theme has been 'Kindness'. One of the most wonderful things we have seen come out of the 'Lockdown' situation has been the incredible kindness we have seen people show to others. This might

have been by doing shopping for others, sending lovely messages to older relatives, clapping for carers etc. There are so many ways! Research confirms that people who are kind and compassionate see clear benefits to their well being and happiness. They may even live longer. Kindness can help reduce stress and improve our emotional wellbeing. If we take the time to be kind to other people we can reap the emotional dividends. It can really make a difference! Now is the time to re-imagine a kinder society that better protects our mental health.

If you haven't already looked at the mental health resources on our WEBSITE, please take a look.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

— Aesop



Keep sending your teachers all your super examples of home learning. We love to see everything you are doing.

I hope everyone enjoys a half term of a slightly different kind. Hopefully the sun will keep shining!

Remember to follow the Government advice and 'Stay Alert' and safe. I will be in touch again week beginning 1st June.

Stay safe and PLEASE take care.

Mrs Ralph

A prayer remembering God is with us:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, "I am with you always".
Please be with me today.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

