



Birches First School

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7th May 2020

Dear Parents,

As many of you will be aware, this weekend (on Sunday) the Prime Minister is due to make a statement about the current lockdown measures and it is anticipated that he will announce some changes, signalling a move into the 'next phase'.

There is widespread speculation about what the Prime Minister may announce, including the plans for the re-opening of schools. Until this announcement is made, we as a school are not aware of any changes or implications.

As we enter into this next phase of lockdown, I wanted to reassure you that as a staff team and across the CMAT schools, we are constantly researching and taking advice on how we may be able to re-open safely and what measures we will be able to put in place. At this stage I am not able to give any substantial or specific details as we await advice from the Government to inform us more fully.

In anticipation of you having many questions to ask as a result of the announcement on Sunday, I will endeavour to provide as much information as possible, as quickly as possible. To achieve this, we will be publishing some 'Frequently Asked Questions' on the website next week, which I hope will answer many of your queries. In addition to that, parents are invited to send any specific questions they wish to raise to Mrs Lawley: office@birches.staffs.sch.uk or myself: jferretti@birches.staffs.sch.uk. Responses to these will be published on the website as part of the 'Frequently Asked Questions' if we feel they may be of benefit. This will enable us to ensure that all parents are receiving the same information.

Should you have any other queries, concerns or any other need to get in contact with myself, the office or class teachers please do continue to email us as you have been.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this time and for your positive feedback on the home learning tasks that have been set as well as the support offered by members of the team.

Over the coming weeks we will be reviewing our provision and making plans for a return to school when it is safe to do so. Whatever Sunday's announcement brings, I'd like to reassure you that we will continue to make the best of the situation and all decisions and plans will be made in the best interests of our children.

I will write to you again with further information as I am able to do so.

I hope you all remain safe and well.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti
Acting Headteacher

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