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Dear Parent/Carer

The last few months have been a difficult time for everyone and my thoughts and prayers go out to all in our school community who have been affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. I know the importance school plays in all of your lives and how we will need to support our pupils and their families when the time comes to resume school life.

I am writing to update you on the St John Bosco Arts College position in terms of re-opening following guidance from the Local Authority.

School is not re-opening to pupils on 1st June, other than to children who access the provision for key workers and vulnerable pupils. If your daughter falls into one of these categories, hasn't previously accessed the provision and needs to, please contact Mr Boyle at Dan.Boyle@stjohnbosco.org.uk

Whilst our school community are in my thoughts constantly, I am guided by the same principle as the Local Authority; that school can only re-open when it is safe to do so. The safety of the children and the staff remain my highest priority and therefore I am not able to re-open the school at this time. I am constantly monitoring the situation and following guidance from the Local Authority, the Catholic Education Service and Governors.

My team are working hard on plans for when school re-opens and I will communicate these to you when it is appropriate to do so. I can assure you that this would be a phased process rather than anything resembling a large scale re-opening.

Online learning continues to be set through 'Classcharts' and subject specific websites so please support your daughter to access and complete this daily.

Families in receipt of free school meals will continue to receive vouchers through the 'Edenred' system and, after a successful distribution this week, the free breakfast packs will be available from school again during the week commencing 1st June. The school social media and website will announce any updates as they happen so continue to monitor these streams as well as 'Parentapp' where possible.

School will be closed for half term (week commencing Monday 25th May).

You are constantly in my thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely

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