



# Deanery C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with regret that we are unable to offer a school place for children in Year 1 as part of the phased return to school outlined by the government last month.

As you may already be aware we have also been unable to accommodate Year 6 pupils since we have had such a high volume of Critical/ Key Worker children in need of a place at Deanery when we open again. The government guidelines have been clear that prioritising year groups in ascending order is important, and therefore, due to lack of space and staffing issues we have had to review who we are able to accommodate within the school. In this instance, given that Year 6 children are not coming back, the next year group to stand down is Year 1.

With social distancing rules in place, the restricted numbers within each 'bubble' and many staff who are shielding, we physically do not have the room on site to safely welcome another year group into the building.

We understand that this will come as disappointing news to those of you who were expecting to send your children back to school and we are sorry that this is the case. As soon as we feel able to ensure the safety of all our staff, pupils and families we will be ready to reopen more widely. We hope that you can appreciate this has been a very difficult, challenging time for school leaders and the governing body but our priority continues to be in providing a safe learning environment for all those within the Deanery community.

To clarify, unless your child has been formally invited to attend school with Critical/Key worker place, please do not send them in on Monday 15th June.

We value your understanding during this difficult time and of course would be happy to answer any further questions you have.

Yours sincerely,

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