



Mill Water School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the days and weeks go by, we continue to say a big thank you for your ongoing support for the school. I know that many of you are finding creative ways to support your children at home and it is great to hear about some of those activities. Thank you for sending us your photos and feedback on home projects.

You will be aware that we are expecting an announcement from Boris Johnson on Sunday May 10th regarding a possible easing of the current lockdown measures. This announcement may or may not include a reference to schools “re-opening”. Until we have specific guidance for *special schools*, which we are *not* expecting on Sunday, we will not be able to answer your questions as to what re-opening will look like for us at Mill Water. I can only assure you that our approach will continue to be considered and careful, taking into account the individual needs of our pupils and families.

We are currently basing our approach on very carefully thought out risk assessments, to ensure that children, families and staff are kept as safe as they can be. We are providing childcare and respite provision for a small number of children in school or in the community, with all other pupils, who are safer at home, receiving home learning packs, online resources, zoom contact, emails and telephone calls from staff. To ensure everyone stays safe, we will continue to work in this way over the next few weeks.

As soon as we have clear guidance for special schools, we will consider how best to move forwards safely, and share our plans with you.

You should be aware that, at the direction of the Governing Body, Mill Water School will be closed for the half term holiday, 25th - 29th May, and that there will be no staff or pupils on site during this time.

Thank you for your continued patience and support, which we all appreciate.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pickering
Headteacher