

# LOWTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Important Update

I hope that you and your families are well.

As you are aware, the school is going to focus on continuing to provide places for the priority group by offering more places to the 'key worker' pupils and to vulnerable pupils. Following the advice from Wigan Council and the Director of Public Health – Wigan (Professor Kate Arden), we will gradually increase the number of pupils attending as from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. I have also sent the letter from the Director of Public Health via School Spider.

Unfortunately, due to the very high demand from 'key worker' families, our position remains unchanged and we will be unable to open wider to pupils in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6. We are even struggling to fit in all of the 'key worker' families and have now reached full capacity.

Further to my letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, the number of applications from 'key workers' increased greatly and we have really struggled to accommodate all pupils. The school was in a position last week whereby the demand for places exceeded our maximum capacity.

This week we have contacted the parents of pupils who have been offered a place. We are gradually increasing the number of pupils attending the provision. Therefore, some pupils will start on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, some on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, some on the 29<sup>th</sup> June and some on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. The 'key worker' pupils whom we have been unable to accommodate will be kept under review in case we are able to offer a place in the forthcoming weeks.

Some parents have contacted school in relation to provision over the summer break. The school has received no guidance in relation to this and currently has no plans to remain open over the summer holiday period. As it currently stands, the school will be closed for the summer break.

I have also not yet received any guidance from the government in relation to what will happen in September. As soon as I have more information, I will update parents accordingly.

I would like to sincerely thank the many parents with whom I have spoken with directly over the last week in relation to the huge demand for 'key worker' places. Your support and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Once again, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. We understand that these are very challenging times for everyone and hope that you understand the difficult decisions that we are making.

Please take care and stay safe everyone.

Yours sincerely,

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