

*Praising God in every way; in all we think, do and say*

Headteacher: Mrs J P Conley

Our ref: JPC/MK  
Your ref: HT&CoG/Reopening/June20'

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your nearest and dearest all safe and well.

As you are aware, following the letter from Steve Reddy, Liverpool City Council (LCC) plan to **partially** open schools on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. St. Finbar's Catholic Primary School will follow the advice from the Local Authority and will only be opening on 1st June for children highlighted in his letter. **(See Appendix 1)**

*I have written to all head teachers asking that, from 1 June, Liverpool schools open for key workers' children<sup>1</sup> and vulnerable children<sup>2</sup> only. **Schools will not re-open to any other pupils at this stage.***

Steve Reddy (15.05.20)

For the children of key workers the LCC guidance is that families should use the school provision as a **last resort** if you have no other safe alternative for childcare.  
For vulnerable children, families are advised to follow the advice of their social worker.

Please be assured, as Headteacher and Chair of Governors of St. Finbar's Catholic Primary School, your children's safety and wellbeing and that of our entire school community is our highest priority. Both governors and staff members are working with LCC direction, Government advice and our own professional judgement in order to provide a safe and secure space for your children and all staff members.

*Our guiding principle is that schools can only re-open to other pupils when it is safe to do so and not a moment before. Only once we can be sure that schools are safe for both children and staff will they be able to open to more children. The safety of your child, and of our staff, is our top priority.*

Steve Reddy (15.05.20)

LCC definitions of key worker children and vulnerable children can be found at the end of this letter. **(See Appendix 1)** If you feel you meet the criteria, have no other childcare options and feel you are eligible for a place in St. Finbar's School from the 1<sup>st</sup> June please email Mrs Conley (address at the top of this letter) no later than Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 12:00 pm. **(See Appendix 2)**

Children who have been attending a local hub throughout this period have a guaranteed place.

We have both been extremely impressed, humbled and are extremely proud with the ways in which our staff members and families have risen to the challenge of "Stay at home, save lives and save the NHS." Thank you all so much.

It will be essential, as we seem to be entering a new phase of being, that the St. Finbar's Family continue to work together to ensure that we all stay safe and well. We will continue to update you in the coming days and weeks.

*We can do it!*

*"We are the Finbar's! (Merry, merry Finbars!)"*

All of us are very much looking forward to seeing you all again when it is safe to do so. Laughter, love and learning await us all!

As ever; take care of each other, stay safe and God Bless.

Yours Sincerely



Jan Conley  
Head Teacher



Angela Williams  
Chair of Governors

## Appendix 1 –

### Definitions of key workers' children and vulnerable children (Liverpool City Council)

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- NHS staff; social workers, care workers, health and social care staff and those required to maintain the sector;
- teachers, specialist education professionals and nursery staff;
- staff essential to the operation of the justice system;
- staff involved in the management of the deceased;
- administrative staff in local and central government essential to the delivery of the COVID-19 response or the delivery of essential public services, such as the payment of benefits. This includes government agencies and arms-length bodies;
- staff delivering essential public services such as payment of benefits;
- staff involved in the distribution of food or other key goods;
- police and police support staff;
- fire and rescue staff and support staff;
- transport workers;
- utilities workers;
- probation staff;
- IT staff necessary to support Covid-19 response;
- payment providers;
- waste disposal service presumably including refuse collection;
- armed forces personnel; MoD civilian staff and contractors;
- National Crime Agency;
- border security;
- national security staff;
- religions and charity staff;
- journalists and broadcasters;
- university staff working in a research role to help fight Covid-19

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This includes children; with an EHCP who have had a recent risk assessment and children who are subject to a Children In Need or Child Protection plan.

## Appendix 2 –

### Application for a place at St. Finbar's Catholic Primary School from 1<sup>st</sup> June as a key worker

Email: [finbars-ht@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:finbars-ht@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk) no later than Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 12:00pm, including the following information:

Child's name and Year group	
<b>Parent 1</b>	<b>Parent 2</b>
Name: Place of work: Job title: Business contact of line manager who can confirm your employment:	Name: Place of work: Job title: Business contact of line manager who can confirm your employment:
<i>(This person may be contacted to confirm information given)</i>	<i>(This person may be contacted to confirm information given)</i>