



Pendle Community High School & College

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION RE DELAY OF STUDENTS RETURNING TO PCHS

Dear Parent/Carers

As you were aware from my letter dated 19th May, we were making concerted efforts to facilitate the phased reopening of PCHSC from 2nd June onwards.

However, late yesterday afternoon, Headteachers received the following instruction from Lancashire County Council:

Lancashire County Council is advising schools in the county not to open to more pupils from 1 June, but instead to continue with the current arrangements. This is because, in our assessment, we do not currently meet all five of the government's tests in Lancashire which would allow this decision to be taken safely.

We will regularly review the situation and provide further advice so that we can advise schools to open to more pupils as soon as we judge it safe to do so.

We are actively encouraging schools to follow this advice.

Locally, we are currently able to meet the requirements of the (PM's) first three tests; however, we do not meet the requirements for the final two tests. The test and trace programme is not at a state of readiness to respond to Covid-19 community setting outbreaks in a timely manner, which poses a risk to school environments. Furthermore, we are not confident that adjustments to the current measures of the lockdown policy will not risk a second peak of infections locally.

I am therefore contacting all families that we had planned to phase back from 2nd June onwards to inform them that based on this advice, we have little option but to delay our planned phasing back of students for a minimum of one week and potentially for up to 2 weeks (depending on how quickly LCC can confirm the 5x tests have been met). We will update you as soon as we have any further instruction from LCC about this.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused, but safety is of the utmost priority for all our staff, students and families, and as such we really need to follow LCCs advice at this time.

If you have any further questions or specific concerns please feel free to email me directly on head@pchs.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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