



Pendle Community High School & College

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION RE FURTHER DELAY OF STUDENTS RETURNING TO PCHS

Dear Parent/Carers

As you were aware from my letter dated 28th May, PCHSC had been making concerted efforts to facilitate the phased reopening of school. However, on 27th May all Headteachers received an instruction from Lancashire County Council, stating that Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, (Director of Public Health), advised that that it was not yet safe in Lancashire to reopen schools to more children from Monday 1 June (as Lancashire did not meet all five of the government's tests).

Yesterday, a further statement was issued by Lancashire County Council re Schools guidance on reopening for more pupils. This stated:

Dr Karunanithi will review his advice on Monday 8 June, and if it changes, schools will be encouraged to take the decision to reopen to more pupils from 15 June. If the advice does not change, the guidance will be reviewed again on 15 June.

We will therefore need to delay our phased opening for at least the whole of next week, but hopefully by next Monday or Tuesday we will be able to confirm whether we are able to open more widely the following week (w/c 15th June).

Once again I apologise for any inconvenience caused, but as previously stated, safety is of the utmost priority for all our staff, students and families, and as such it is imperative that we follow LCC's advice at this time.

If you have any further questions specific concerns or you have actually changed your mind about wanting your child to return to school, please email me directly on head@pchs.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chris Lingard - Headteacher

