



Together We Learn and Grow

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DELAY IN OPENING FOR NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR ONE AND YEAR SIX

Dear parent / carer

As a primary school within The Challenge Academy Trust we have been working closely with Warrington local authority in relation to planning for the wider opening of schools following the Covid 19 lockdown period.

Following further discussion this afternoon with Warrington Local Authority **we have agreed to delay the wider opening of primary schools for one additional week**. This will mean students in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 will start to return from the 15th June rather than the 8th as previously stated. A letter communicating updated plans will be sent this week.

As you will have seen in the press, some neighbouring authorities have also decided to delay wider opening due to the R rate being above 1 in the North West. In Warrington the R rate is currently being reported at around 0.4 and Public health Colleagues have declared it safe for pupils to be returning subject to strong risk assessments being in place. We are very confident that we can welcome your sons and daughters safely back to school, however we want to continue to ensure that all stakeholders are provided with sufficient evidence over the coming week to share this confidence with us.

We will continue to work closely with the local authority to ensure that we act in accordance with the Warrington family of schools.

Please accept our apologies for this delay and any inconvenience this may cause, rest assured we are committed to opening our doors to more of our children as soon as we are able to. This delay is disappointing for us all and I appreciate that it will be as equally as disappointing for some parents and children because it will inevitably cause disruption at such short notice. Staff have worked tirelessly to create plans and procedures to reopen safely and this will continue. The safety of all our school community is paramount.

I would appreciate parents continued support and understanding with the decision that has been taken and I will write to you further in the week with more information.

Kind regards

V.J. Briggs
Headteacher