



Dear parents / carers: Lots in the media about schools re-opening in ENGLAND in early June. As I write this all unions are working together to ensure a safe return for children and staff. There is currently a joint meeting taking place between all union leaders and Education ministers and officials. As the Headteacher's NAHT rep for Hackney I get early updates so will let you know. However, everyone thinks it will be extremely unlikely that every pupil will be back before September. I can currently fit 10 pupils in per class and have 8 classrooms but I would need 24!! Do the math as they say in America. + Social distancing is quite simply not possible for younger children and those with EHCP and special needs. We have been open almost every day since the lockdown with on average 12 children in and I have also been in every day so far. Many nearby schools have simply shut.

The push for some reason is for the youngest to go back first. So parents in Nursery and Reception and Year 1 will be contacted on Monday to get initial thoughts on numbers. You do **NOT** have to make a decision on Monday. Talking to colleagues I expect the numbers to be very low and I fully understand this as today's report from the ONS shows children are major vectors of contagion. I also must stress that I will not open to anyone if I feel there is a risk to staff and children. I will not express a personal opinion but health and safety must always come first and I will not rush things.

This has been one of the hardest weeks I have ever known. I am very resilient but the death of our Chair of Governors, Mr Derek Vitali on Monday brought home the reality of this awful disease. He was healthy and always cheerful and had never even been in an ambulance before. After 2 weeks on a ventilator he died in the Homerton Hospital on Monday. 5.30am. RIP.



Pics of the day ... only one this week. A governor here for 29 years and Chair of Governors for the past 10 years. Also Chair at Cardinal Pole. Ex-army and then ran a major European Cancer charity and one of the nicest and kindest people you could ever wish to meet. Known to so many of you because of his involvement in the church. Thanks for all the emails for his family and the school this week. Online Book of Condolences starting next week + more about his funeral.

and finally never really watched Charlie Brooker before but his new Antiviral Wipe BBC2 last night had some modern comic genius moments on iPlayer now reading lots during lockdown and now on the award winning huge Biography of Clement Atlee by John Bew. He served in a unity government under Winston Churchill from 1940 to 1945 and then won a landslide election victory in 1945. Said at the start of this we need to all come together for the sake of the nation and leave politics aside worked before weather getting nice and you can now exercise more did 4 miles yesterday and aiming for 5 today with a 20kg weight vest for added spicy challenge enjoy the sunshine and prayers for the Vitalis please.