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Dear Parent/Carer

On Monday I shared with you up to date information regarding the R rate in the Northwest. The school has remained open to key workers whilst the R rate has remained high. I also made you aware that should this remain a significant cause for concern we would look to postpone wider re-opening for Year 10 pupils from next week.

Today I met with members of the Executive Board, and the Chair of the Board toured the school site to check that the arrangements we have been making had been put in place effectively. The Board have given their consent to now move forward with our plans for Year 10 pupils as of next week.

In school we have and will take all practicable measures, and we are adhering the guidelines regarding social distancing. However, as parents it remains your right to choose not send your child into school should you wish and we fully respect this view. If this is the case please can you let school know by emailing attendance@stmonicas.co.uk. This will help us plan.

I do also need your help as we prepare for next week. Should your child or any member of your household exhibit any symptoms at all prior to setting off to school please do not send them in and follow government guidance regarding self-isolation. Working together, I am sure we can manage this unique situation as well as possible.

Finally – we will continue to listen to local advice as this week progresses. If the Council offers advice later on in the week that schools should postpone wider opening then will need to follow this. I understand that receiving updates and changes as we move closer to next week will be hugely frustrating for parents, pupils and staff. However- please can I ask that you appreciate some of the challenges that I think we are all facing were this this to be the case.

I very much hope to welcome back your child to school in some way next week. On behalf of the Executive Board and myself can I continue to offer you my most sincere thanks for your support and patience during this most challenging of times.

Yours faithfully

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