

## Wickham Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a lovely bank holiday weekend. It was lovely to see so many photographs of your VE Day celebrations on our school Facebook page.

Following the Prime Minister's broadcast yesterday evening, I am sure that you will have lots of questions regarding the phased reopening of schools. I wanted to reassure you that, when it is received, we will carefully follow the guidance provided by the Department for Education.

The dates and guidelines are all conditional and are dependent on what happens over the next few weeks with regards to the five conditions set out by the government. At the moment, for us as a school, there is <u>no change</u> to the guidance. We will continue to provide care to the children of those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and also to those who are classed as vulnerable. The message is still that it is safer to stay at home wherever possible.

As soon as we have any final plans, in line with government and Public Health England guidelines, we will email you as soon as possible. The safety of our pupils, their families and our staff will remain the absolute priority above anything else. We will not reopen until we are fully prepared to do so.

In the meantime, please try not to worry and continue to do what you are doing at home. Enjoy your time undertaking activities together as a family - it is wonderful to see and hear of the creative and sporty activities that you are all doing.

Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning at home, to keep contact with you and to continue to support each other in these difficult and uncertain times.

Stay safe, enjoy your time with your children and take care.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Cutter Headteacher