



Somerville Federation

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly many apologies for the late notice and especially after just sending out my most recent update only three hours earlier. However and unfortunately, late today, we have been made aware that the most recent reproduction (R) median value for the North West is reported as being 1.01. The Secretary of State has previously made it clear as one of his 5 tests that the R value should be below 1 before it would be safe for schools to open for more children.

I realise the difficulties this will cause you and your family but I have spoken with the governing body of Somerville Federation this evening once this information came to light and the governing body have agreed that we will not be opening for children in Year 6 next week as planned.

Wirral Local Authority has also indicated to us that they are supportive of schools pausing their plans to bring in additional pupils at this point.

We will, as we always have, remain open for keyworkers and vulnerable children.

We will however be unable to start increasing our numbers further to Y6 until we receive further advice or until the rate is once again below 1. We expect to get daily advice from public health and Wirral Local Authority as next week progresses and I will keep you fully informed about when we can re-start our phased plans.

I know how you have all prepared your children for returning to school and this may affect your ability to work. I know you will agree however, that we must be very careful in this difficult situation and ensure we are keeping the health and safety of all children, staff and families as our number one priority.

With regards

Mr M J Forber

Executive Headteacher.