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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have taken the decision that Norton and West Chinnock Schools will be opening up to pupils in **Year 6 only during the first week after half-term** (Tues 2nd June 2020 – Thursday 4th June 2020). Our aim is to be able to open to pupils in Year R, 1 and 6 the following week (Monday 8th June 2020 – Thursday 11th June).

Please note that we are prepared that the government may change the date to later in June or beyond at any given point if the five test conditions are not being met. We expect more clarity on Thursday 28th May 2020.

The reasons why the decision has been made now are as follows:

- Despite our best efforts this week (half-term), we still have some logistical work to do in moving furniture and putting other items into storage.
- We are still awaiting the delivery of additional cleaning equipment and items of PPE. We currently have what we need to be able to open up half of our bubble groups (plus the key worker provision).
- This cautious and phased approach will support our staff team to be confident in our new routines.
- Over the course of the first week, we envisage that our Year 6 pupils will get to grips with the protective measures we have put in place. As they gain familiarity and confidence with the expectations (staggered drop off/collection, hand hygiene, social distancing measures and flow around the school), they will become role models for the younger children (albeit from a distance).

The provision for the children of key workers will continue. We will also ensure that online provision continues for all year groups for this week.

We will be writing to parents of pupils in Year 6 by Friday. This will include further details on drop off, pick up, sunscreen, non-school uniform and other arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'J B Caswell'. The middle signature is 'L Stiddard' and the signature on the right is 'O Donaldson'.

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Mr O Donaldson
Chair of Governors