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MISS CRAIG THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK SCHOLS RETURNING

1. We are a community school so bound by a CCC risk assessment.
2. We are due to get the CCC risk assessment tomorrow. It is with the CCC HandS Executive today.
3. I cannot complete the EJS risk assessment until I have the CCC one.
4. Once I have the CCC risk assessment, I will then complete a EJS risk assessment based upon it and adapt the CCC risk assessment to suit the needs of the EJS site, staffing and families.
5. I then have to check the EJS risk assessment with union representatives who have a national joint union risk assessment checklist to see if the workplace (EJS) is as safe as possible. Schools, like any other workplaces with employees, are bound to provide safe work place by the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Section 44.
6. When all this is complete, a copy will go to governors to peruse.
7. Based on the EJS risk assessment and joint union checklist, I aim to put together an EJS COVID 19 Charter detailing expectations so these are crystal clear to staff, parents, families and children. I cannot share this with you until all the other pieces of work mentioned above are completed and will get it to you as soon as I can.
8. Once you have received the EJS COVID Charter – by email of course – and you have an idea of what school will look and be like sometime

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after June 1st – I will be sending you a survey as to whether or not you want to send your child back to school. You know my thoughts on this – YOUR CHILD, YOUR CHOICE and I will respect that totally. Up to this moment, the government are not looking at any sanctions or consequences should you decide NOT to send your child back to school.

9. REMEMBER – June 1st is NOT an opening date for schools. It is the start of a potential period of phased and staged school opening and depending on the government's OWN review of May 29th schools being open from June 1st, may never happen.

As you know my priority always has been and always will be, the physical, emotional and mental safety of our children, our staff and our families. You don't enter headship to be popular or liked and regardless of your own personal feelings, you have to do what is right for all the adults and children in your care. So let me be clear.

I CANNOT promise that all the safety precautions we take can TOTALLY protect our children and staff from COVID 19. Nobody can make this promise. All any of us can do is reduce risk as much as possible.

I CAN and DO promise that myself and the rest of the EJS team, staff and governors WILL do everything we can to make school as safe as it can be for EVERYONE – staff and adults.

I CAN and DO promise that we will respect the choices you make regarding your children coming back to school. YOUR CHILD, YOUR CHOICE.

I CAN and DO promise that everything we are doing is with the best interests of our children, our staff and our families at heart.

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I cannot thank you enough for your support and patience. Everyone has different views about schools returning and we must try to blend all views together and provide the best we can for our EJS family.

I have purposely not rushed into any actions or decision making. The government sent out 15 sets of guidance last week; the unions one on Sunday and we are waiting for the CCC risk assessment.

I took the decision to wait until I had all of these documents before doing anything and I make no apology for that. That is how I always work- have all possible evidence and thoughts before you so you can draw up a balanced and measured view before making decisions.

The lives of our EJS family members are too precious to start rushing into decisions with only half the information and I promise I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Stay safe and well.

Yvonne Craig

Your EJS Head Teacher

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