



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Carers

Since the announcement last week, and subsequent information being published by the Government, we have formulated a plan for the possible re-opening of school on Monday 1st June. Based on classroom sizes, site layout, staff availability and our risk assessment, which follows the current government guidance for implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings, we will be able to accommodate no more than 160 pupils when school re-opens. We have therefore decided to prioritise the order of pupil groups returning as outlined here:

- ✓ Children of key workers.
- ✓ Children with Education, Health and Care Plans
- ✓ Children in Year 6.
- ✓ Children in Reception.
- ✓ Children in Year 1

Due to the layout of the school, EYS children and year 1 children will be invited into **school on alternate weeks**. Year 1 children will be invited into school the first week beginning 1st June and then the following week EYS will take the place of the year 1 children.

It is very clear that this will be far from a normal school day, both in terms of the learning on offer and how the day is organised. The Government has issued documents both specifically for schools and parents which are widely available on the internet. The link to the parent document is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settingsinformation-for-parents-and-carers>

It is also clear from this information that any family who chooses to keep their child at home during the remainder of the summer term **will not be penalised** for non attendance.

We will continue to provide online learning for those year groups who have not been asked to return yet. You do however, need to understand that teachers who are in school looking after children will not be able to provide the same level of work and response that they do now.

I have included information about how we intend to organise school to mitigate any potential infection. Following Government guidelines, the plan we have put in place is as follows:

Pupil bubble groups

Children within each class will be placed into smaller bubbles of up to 10 children. Each bubble group will be taught by a member of staff. This member of staff will remain with this group and we will endeavour to try to ensure staff are not switched, although this may not always be possible. Each bubble group will work in a different area of school and we will try to ensure a 2 metre distance between each person. Children will play within their family groups at break and lunchtime and will not be allowed to join with other groups. Please note that vulnerable and key worker children will still be welcome to attend school as they have been over the last few weeks. Children will not be required to wear school uniform for the remainder of this term. We want to encourage a complete clean change of clothes each day. We know that a number of children may have grown out of their uniform and with only a few weeks left before the end of term we want to make it easier, safer and reduce pressure on parents as much as possible by doing this.

Entry to school site

Parents are asked to drop children off at the main reception area at the designated staggered time. Children will also leave by the main entrance. Parents are asked to ensure they arrive promptly to ensure we have sufficient space between parents outside of the building. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building. A member of staff will be at the main door if any parent has a query. There will be staggered start and finish times in addition to staggered break and lunchtimes to avoid cross contamination.

Corridors

There will be a one way system around school which children and staff will be reminded of by the use of arrows and no entry signs. Some areas will be closed off eg. cloakroom areas. These communal areas are the greatest risk of cross infection. Children and staff will be encouraged to remain in their learning area or outside as much as possible.

Classroom organisation

Tables will be separated and children will sit on individual tables ensuring a 2 metre distance. Each learning area will have antibacterial spray and wipes in order to continually clean areas such as tables, backs of chairs and door handles. Children will store their coats on the back of the chairs that they will be working from; this will eliminate the need to go into the cloakroom area. Doors will be propped open to reduce staff/children touching communal surfaces. Unnecessary items will be removed from the classroom to reduce infection risk and assist in cleaning. Children will have pens, pencils and any other basic equipment issued in backpacks with their name on it. Reminders to use hand sanitizer and regular hand washing will be placed all around school.

Lunchtime

The school field and play ground will be coned off into zoned areas. The children will change their designated play area each day on a rota system. All pupils will receive a packed lunch which will be delivered by our in-house caterers. Children will be asked to bring a water bottle to school on a Monday and leave it in school for the whole week

Illness

If a parent suspects, or knows, that their child is ill they **MUST NOT** send them to school and will need to ring the school office to inform us. If anyone has a cough/temperature/feels unwell at school (showing signs of CoVid19) parents will be contacted and they will be sent home. They will need to self isolate for 14 days, or until tested negative. If a child is waiting to be collected, they will be kept in a room with the door closed and a window open.

If a child or adult shows symptoms and tests positive for CoVid-19, then the whole bubble group that the child/adult is in must be sent home and they must self-isolate for 14 days.

If other cases are also confirmed at the school, then Public Health England will advise the school on next steps/possible closure.

Next Step

This Friday, a letter to children in the year groups that have been prioritised for returning will have a personalised letter indicating the name of their class teacher, their designated drop off time and collection time.

Thank you for your help, support and understanding. If you have any questions, specific uncertainties or just want to talk things over, please send school an email. You are all doing such an amazing job right now. It is so sad that we're not able to have everyone back at school, but we can support everyone as much as we can so that those who will benefit most can return to school and everyone else can continue their learning at home.

Keep well and best wishes, R. Hutchinson Head teacher