

ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Update on reopening of school

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know we have been putting plans in place for some of our children to return to school as soon as it is deemed safe enough and all risks have been considered. I met with the governing body last night to look at the school's risk assessment document and the plans for moving forward. The first thought throughout this process will be for the safety of your children and the staff at St Andrew's. The school's risk assessment will be constantly under review and we will act on any guidance from government, national and local, when this is given.

It is our intention to partially reopen school on 15th June, initially for our Year 6 pupils only and for the children who have already been coming into school over the last few weeks. The following week we will be in a position to open further for pupils in Reception. These children will only come to school on Monday to Thursday. Friday will be a day for resetting and deep cleaning classrooms.

The children of key workers and other identified children will continue to have a place at school during this half term. If you are a key worker (the government list remains the same) and you wish your child to attend school will you please let the school office know which days you need care for your child. They will be in school Monday to Friday. You may be asked to prove in which capacity you are classed as a key worker.

Please note that all children returning to school will be allocated to a "bubble". This will be a group that stays together for everything and will not meet up with other bubbles. They will not necessarily be taught by their usual teacher or, necessarily, be in their usual classroom. For example, Year 6 pupils will be in three or four separate bubbles depending on numbers returning.

If you are a key worker you will have to decide whether your child continues to be in the key worker group (Mon-Fri) or in their class group (Mon-Thurs). To avoid cross-contamination of groups you will not, for example, being able to have your child in the Year 6 bubble for Mon-Thurs and then in the key worker bubble on Friday. They cannot swap from group to group in the same week.

Plans may change at very short notice depending on advice from local and national government, Track and Trace information and the health of staff and children in school. If a member of staff or a pupil in a bubble has symptoms of COVID-19 they will be advised to attend the local test centre in Bury and self-isolate for 7 days. Everyone in that bubble will be required to self-isolate for the next 14 days. You will be notified immediately.

Friday 3rd July will be the last day of term for our Year 6 and Reception pupils. This will allow us to open school for other classes. The idea is that every pupil will have a chance to return to school at some point before the summer holidays. We haven't yet been informed as to what will happen in September.

The timetable for the next six weeks:

08.06.20	15.06.20	22.06.20	29.06.20	06.07.20	13.07.20
Key Worker pupils Vulnerable pupils	Key Worker pupils Vulnerable pupils	Key Worker pupils Vulnerable pupils	Key Worker pupils Vulnerable pupils	Key Worker pupils Vulnerable pupils	Key Worker pupils Vulnerable pupils
	Year 6 Mon-Thurs	Year 6 Mon-Thurs	Year 6 Mon-Thurs		
		Reception Mon-Thurs	Reception Mon-Thurs		
				Year 5 Mon-Thurs	Year 5 Mon-Thurs
				Years 1 & 2 Mon-Thurs	Years 3 & 4 Mon-Thurs

Some parents have already told us that their child/ren will not return to school until September. We stress that this is their choice and there will be no further action taken for non-attendance. We will contact the parents of Year 6 pupils to check who will definitely return on 15th June and then Reception pupils for 22nd June and so on. We will stagger this as things may change, as the weeks progress, that will influence your decisions.

We are keeping SOCKs open as usual and the usual fees will apply from 15th June.

The school kitchen will not reopen this half term. All children must either bring a packed lunch or you can order one when the office staff ring you about your child coming to school.

The children in school will follow the same home learning plans that everyone has access to at home.

Although we will do everything possible to try to ensure that the 2m social distancing rule is in place, we cannot fully guarantee social distancing at all times within school. This will be much easier to expect from the older children. This is not so easy with younger children. Pupils will only play and share equipment within their bubble. Each child will have their own stationery pack and they mustn't bring anything else into school other than their lunchbox. Equipment will be cleaned on a regular basis. Items such as playdough, soft toys will be removed from the room.

Children will be able to bring medical items such as inhalers into school.

There are other documents, including a Home/School Agreement, which we would ask you to read and follow. This gives you more idea of the day to day expectations to make our plan work safely. You will be expected to return a signed copy as your child comes back to school.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact school. We would like to thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and patience at this time.

Yours sincerely



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