

ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Update on reopening of school

The Governing Body met yesterday (Thursday 4th) to consider the proposals from Mr Marsh regarding re-opening the school to provide an opportunity for all pupils to return to the school for some time prior to the end of term.

Following discussions with Mr Marsh, the Governing Body supported the proposal developed by Mr Marsh on the understanding that there may be a need to revise or revisit these in the event of changes to the local levels of Covid-19 or in responses to changes in government and local authority guidance.

The Governors were particularly supportive of the approach which gave all pupils an opportunity to return to the school should they wish to do so, and of course if you as parents/cares are supportive of them returning. We do appreciate that, to enable this to take place, some year groups may only be in school for a few days but we are restricted by the buildings and facilities at St Andrews in terms of the overall number of pupils that can be accommodated whilst complying with the government's health and safety guidance.

You will be asked to confirm if your child(ren) will be returning to school as this will enable the staff to plan the school and classroom layouts and the amount of individual resources required to support the expected number of pupils.

Whilst the Governors welcome the opportunity to open up the school to more pupils our overriding concern has to be the health and safety of pupils, staff and the wider school community. In view of this the Governing Body also approved some changes and additions to the school's Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Behaviour policies. The Governors also approved the Principle for Parents, Carers and Pupils which details what will be expected of both parents/carers and pupils on their return to school. These are designed to assist with ensuring that pupils and staff are as safe as possible and it is important that you provide the school with a signed copy of the agreement before your child(ren) can return to school to show your support for the approach that Mr Marsh, the staff and the Governors are taking in enabling pupils to return to school.

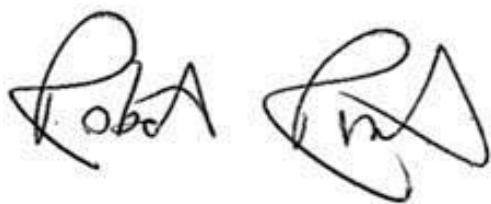
Whilst these plans will enable more pupils to return to St Andrews before the end of this term the school will continue to provide full-time places for vulnerable and key workers' children as it has been doing since lockdown commenced.

As a Governing Body we have appreciated the work that has been undertaken in developing this re-opening plan and the associated risk assessment process and would want to express our

thanks to Mr Marsh and all the staff for the work that they have carried out in preparing for opening the school up for other year groups to be able to attend.

Yours sincerely

Robert



Robert Ruston
Chair of Governors

On behalf of St Andrew's CE Primary School Governing Body



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