



## CHURCH EATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: PHASED RETURN TO SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

I write to you today with an update on the school's position regarding the proposed re-opening of school to more children (those in Nursery, YR, Y1 and Y6) from Monday 1st June. Having taken into account all the government's guidance and spoken with the schools LAC (Local Academy Council), I am now in a position to inform you of the following.

1. All children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6 are able to return to school full-time when the government decides that it is safe to do so - the date proposed currently is Monday 1st June. School will also remain open for the key worker and vulnerable children in Y2, 3, 4 and 5.
2. As per the government's proposal, class sizes will be determined by the 2 metre social distancing rule with no classes larger than 15. Therefore, in Nursery, Reception and Year 1, your child may not return to their current classroom with their current teacher. You will be sent correspondence about which group your child is in and what that means in terms of their start / finish time by the end of this week. Y6 children will return to school in their current classes with their current teacher and TA.
3. The children coming to school will be split into three groups (A, B and C) to ease congestion around the building and will also be coming through separate doors to ensure only one class is being entered/exited from any one door at any one time (see the map at the end of this letter for more details). Additionally, each group will start/finish school at different times for the same congestion-easing reasons. Care has been taken to ensure that family groups are all in the same group.

Group A - (Class 4) -8.30 am (prompt) until 3.00 pm

Group B - (Class 1) 8:45 am (prompt) until 3.15 pm

Group C - (Key Workers and vulnerable) 9:00 am (prompt) until 3:30pm

On Fridays, school will close at 12.15pm for group A and 12:30pm for group B. Group C will finish at 3.20pm. This will enable additional cleaning of the school and allow staff to have their PPA time.

4. Please could you contact the school office to let us know if you wish for your child to attend school by Friday so that we can sort social bubbles for the following week. We will not be able to accommodate pupils on a part time basis.

5. Children should be brought to school/collected from school (if not walking themselves) by one person, and you are asked to ensure that you are observing social distancing, following the signage regarding movement around the school and not staying on site once your children have been collected. Staff will be moving parents on if this is not observed. The car park will be locked and inaccessible to all vehicles between 8:30am and 3:45pm.

6. The office is open but you are asked to limit contact with office staff to emergency contact to reduce time spent on the school site. All current ways of communicating with the school are still accessible.

7. If you have requested a learning pack please pick up during 10-2.30 from:

Class 1 parents: class 1 entrance

Class 2,3,4: School entrance

If you wish the work to be marked please leave it in the blue boxes.

8. Children will need to be in school uniform from June 1st and normal school rules on behaviour, attendance etc. will apply.

9. If your child has sandwiches for lunch, they can bring in their lunch in a lunchbox which can be wiped down. No other bags will be allowed to be brought into school. No book bags, no school bags and no PE bags. (Remember that all Reception and Year 1 children are entitled to a free school dinner)

10. If your child has school dinners, please be aware that we will only be operating a hot lunch bag option during the current time. This means that children will receive a sandwich, fruit, veg bag, biscuit, raisins and a hot item such as a slice of pizza or a sausage roll. These can be ordered and paid for in the usual way on Parent pay.

11. When in school, children will only work in their class groups. They will not mix with other groups at all - we will be referring to this with children as "bubbles". Children will need to stay in their bubbles and they are not allowed to enter other bubbles. Bubbles have been created by school staff and will not be changed.

12. Within a child's bubble, there will be a maximum of 9 children, a teacher or a TA. When they move around the school, it will be within these bubbles and not mixing with other bubbles. This includes: fresh air time in their own play area, lunchtime in their own picnic or classroom group, moving around the school for daily exercise and coming in / going home.

13. Children will have their own desk which will be distanced away from other desks (at 2m intervals where possible). Class 1 children must also bring their own equipment such as pen, pencil, ruler etc. Class 4 pupils must also bring in their own pens, pencils, rulers etc. Please do not send in any furry pencil cases. It is likely that children will be expected to remain at their seats for large parts of the day.

14. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands more frequently than normal and all good hygiene systems will be promoted and encouraged such as 'catch it, bin it, kill it!'.

15. At playtimes and lunchtimes, children will not be able to play in the way they do normally. We will be insisting on social distancing and children will be getting plenty of fresh air and activity time - but they will not be able to play games with each other that involve needing to be closer than 2 metres apart or using equipment that is shared. It is recognised that this is more difficult for younger children.

16. A regular curriculum will be operated; children will be working on reading, writing, maths skills. Topics will involve a lot of outside activity to support good ventilation and social distancing.

17. PE will be in the form of daily exercise rather than PE lessons and could take the form of: Joe Wick's workout, Daily Mile, Yoga or just a good old-fashioned walk around the school grounds.

18. Assemblies will take place in classrooms.

19. Generally, staff will not wear face coverings. However, if they are administering care to a child including first aid, they will wear the appropriate PPE (face mask, gloves, apron).

20. If a child or member of staff is showing signs of Coronavirus, we have thermometers in school to take a temperature. If a child/member of staff has symptoms, the whole of the bubble will need to go home and the child/member of staff will be tested for Coronavirus. If that test is positive, the whole of the bubble (all children and staff) will need to isolate for 14 days. If the test is negative, the bubble can all return to school.

21. Parents who decide to keep their children at home during this time will be contacted regularly for updates much the same as is happening currently, and learning packs will still be provided.

22. During the current period, and due to the creation of bubbles, The Before and After school Club will not operate from June 1st until further notice. Neither will there be any after school clubs running until further notice.

23. All children returning to school will be given a Home-School Contract which will need to be signed and returned to their class teacher. A copy will then be returned to you.

We are aware that this is very different to what you and the children are used to - and we are aware that a lot of changes have had to be made to accommodate the required children. However, we are confident that this is a plan that will work. All staff have been briefed and we have ironed out any concerns and questions posed. I know that you will appreciate the amount of work that has gone into the planning of this. If you have any questions about the information that has been shared, please

contact myself or Mrs Bellamy in the usual ways and we will support you as best we can.

Finally, please be assured that your child's safety is of paramount importance to us. We will do everything we can to support them in a safe return to school.....plus the fact, we have missed them and can't wait to see them!

*Simon Shaw*

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