



CHURCH EATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re:PHASED RETURN TO SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all the parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who responded so quickly to our survey about returning to school on 1st June 2020. This has helped us enormously with our planning and preparation for the phased return of pupils. We really appreciate all your thoughts and understanding at this challenging time.

We have been informed by the Local Authority and the DfE that where schools and settings need to prioritise groups, they should do so as follows:

- Vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers remain the first priority even after 1st June.
- Nursery will be the second priority followed by Reception, Year 1, and finally Year 6.

Can I remind parents that although the Government are encouraging children to attend school you will not be fined for your child's non-attendance at this time.

As a school we have been carefully following Government guidance as we prepare to welcome pupils through our doors. A number of changes have been made to the school to ensure that social distancing can be implemented. High standards of personal hygiene will remain at the heart of our planning.

High standards of hygiene will be maintained through the increased frequency of cleaning of high touch points throughout the school at regular intervals.

We will be staggering the start and the end of the school day to ensure that the number of parents and children needing to be at the gates is minimised. The table below provides information relating to each year group and key worker children.

Year Group	Start time	Finishing time	Friday Finishing time	Entrance
Nursery	8.45am	3.15pm	12.30pm	KS 1 Gate
Reception	8.45am	3.15pm	12.30pm	KS 1 Gate
Year 1	8.45am	3.15pm	12.30pm	KS 1 Gate
Year 6	8.30am	3.00pm	12.15pm	KS2 Gate
Key Workers	9.00am	3.30pm	3.30pm	KS2 Gate

School we be closing at lunchtime on a Friday to all children apart from Key workers to allow for deep cleaning.

Please could we ask that **only one parent/carer to bring/collect** your child to/from school please.

We have been looking at the number of pupils that we will safely be able to allocate within each classroom. The government guideline of 15 pupils per class is not realistic in many of our classrooms. We have ensured that pupils will sit 2 meters away from each other therefore this has reduced the number of children who will be able to attend school at any one time.

Yellow lines have been put on the floor and one way systems have been developed to separate children, parents and staff.

Class 4 children will need to bring in their own pens and pencils as the sharing of school equipment is not permitted. Class 1 children will only need to bring a packed lunch. Pupils will sit in their own places each day.

All soft furnishings and spare furniture has been removed from classrooms.

Once the children are in school they will be working in allocated groups within individual bubbles. Break times and lunches will be staggered to minimize contact between groups. All staff will model social distancing to pupils and praise will be given for good examples. One teacher or member of staff will be allocated to a group of children - this may not be your child's usual class teacher or teaching assistant. It is important to reduce contact between people as much as possible, and the guidance says that this can be achieved by ensuring that the children only mix in their small consistent group and that each small group stays away from other people and groups within school.

The children will have outdoor breaks, once again social distancing will need to be implemented. Groups of children will be utilizing our outdoor environment whenever possible.

We will be providing meals for all those children who require one but these will need to be pre-ordered.

Although there is no obligation or statutory duty on schools to continue to provide home learning in any specific way, if and when pupils start to return, it is our intention to continue as we have been for all year groups.

Please could I remind you that you should not send your child to school if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus. If this is the case, please inform school immediately.

The government has announced that once schools are open again (currently from 1st June for key classes), staff and pupils in all settings will be eligible for testing if they become ill with coronavirus symptoms, as will members of their household. This will enable children and young people to return to education, and their parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect all the children and staff.

Your continued support and kindness has been greatly appreciated during these difficult times. Whatever your decision we look forward to continuing to work with you as we plan our way through these uncertain times.

Please look out for our video on face book or the school's web site of how school will look so you can make an informed decision.

Take care of yourself and your loved ones.

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