

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Last weekend the Prime Minister announced that children in Reception, Year I and Year 6 will be the first year groups of statutory school aged pupils to return to school. This may be as early as 1st June, if all five of the measures set out by the Government are met. The school has been open for approximately fifty pupils of key workers and vulnerable students and we are now making plans to increase our numbers to accommodate the year groups selected by the Government after half term.

A return in June will look rather different to normal and we are currently making plans to adhere to the DfE guidelines as follows:

Smaller Class Sizes - children will be grouped into classes of 15 pupils. Children will need to stay within their new groups wherever possible and groups will not mix during the school day. Children will be grouped with other children from their year group.

Implementing protective measures - we shall refresh our risk assessments in light of the government advice and will carry out protective measures including:

- Reorganising classrooms
- Staggered break and lunch times
- Removing soft furnishings
- Reviewing the curriculum offer and identifying ways to teach outdoors
- Staggered drop off and pick up times
- Frequent hand washing
- Regular deep cleaning

These measures will be in place to protect pupils and staff, however we know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and we cannot guarantee physical distancing within groups of 15 students.

We are currently reviewing our staffing structure to ensure we have enough teaching staff and learning environments to support groups of 15 students. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that your child will be in a group with their current class teacher or teaching assistant due to the reduced class sizes and several staff self-isolating. Pupils who do come into school will be completing the same lessons which are sent home for home learning, with some additional PE, art and music lessons if we can facilitate this.

As we plan for the increased numbers after half term we will assume all eligible children in Reception, Year I and Year 6 will attend however we would be grateful if you could complete the google form below to let us know whether you intend for your child to return to school after half term; this will help support our planning. Please respond by midday on Monday, 18th May.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfFiBcdl6h2flKhO5Qa6VUSuCv4_6mLbKHO78jDxkAVEw5XYQ/viewform

As I mentioned in my correspondence on Monday I Ith May, **parents** should decide if they would like their child to return to school and fines will not be issued for non-attendance in the Summer Term. Home Learning will continue to be provided for those families who chose to remain at home.

We are very keen to open to more children, but need to do so in the safest way possible for pupils, staff and parents. Understandably, there is a lot of detail that goes into planning for our return to school and we await further information from the government in the next few weeks before we can finalise our plans.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and co-operation as we work through these unprecedented times together.

With warm wishes,

Katie Tramoni