



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are keeping well and finding the resources on the website helpful. It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks for the staff in school. We have had lots of new government documents to read and digest every day. As I am sure you are aware, we have had lots to plan and prepare for more children coming back into school safely from 1st June. We have tried not to bombard you with information or give you partially thought out plans. We are now in a position to share our plans.

Children of key workers are currently in school during normal school hours and this will continue after the school begins to open again. If you think you may be eligible and have not taken this up yet then please message on the enquiries email.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will begin coming back into school from 1st June. This has been carefully planned to ensure the safety of children and staff. Details of each of these year groups coming back into school will be sent out by the class teachers to parents of their children. Please try to ensure that you drop off and collect children as close to your allotted time as possible so that we avoid crowds round entrances. When you come to school please remember to keep to the 2 metre distancing from other families.

Classrooms will look very different when children return and it might help them adjust if you can talk to them about this and prepare them. Most of the furniture has been removed and 1 chair and one table per child has been placed in a 2m square space. Each child has their own tray of equipment. This will remain their equipment. Obviously, this means we can fit a much smaller number of children in each room. Anything that cannot be thoroughly cleaned such as cushions and soft toys will not be used. Any work that the children produce will not be marked for 24 hours and then returned 24 hours after the staff have marked it. Please do not send children to school with toys from home.

Daily cleaning, in line with government recommendations is taking place and this will continue. Additional supplies of soap and hand gel have been purchased. Children will be expected to wash their hands regularly during the day, beginning with them coming into school in the morning. A PPE room is being set up in Acorn classroom.

All children should come to school in uniform from 1st June as this is officially the school beginning to re-open. This includes the children of key workers. I am aware it is difficult to get uniform at the moment so if your child has grown out of their school clothes then please send them in clothes as similar as possible to uniform, for example, a plain white t-shirt if the school shirt no longer fits.

Please ensure that we have up to date contact information in case your child is poorly. If your child is showing any symptoms of the virus then please get them tested before sending them back to school.

If you wish to speak to someone in the main office please make an appointment. This prevents groups of people crowding in to the small space at the front of the office.

We are all looking forward to welcoming more children back from 1st June.

Yours faithfully

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