



# St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

It was lovely to see the excited faces of the children coming into school this morning. Thank you also to the parents who dropped their children off this morning and didn't break social distancing rules. We wanted to start with a few children until everyone understands, and can follow, the new systems. I think it will take even the adults a while to become accustomed to the new look of the classrooms.

There has been a lot of debate in the media about opening schools. Each school setting is totally different and what works in one school will not necessarily work in another school. We opted for just 2 year groups coming into school this morning and it has worked well. The intention is that next week Reception and Year 1 will be in school each day. However, this does depend on a number of things: We are all watching the local and national infection rates and if these start to rise again we will seriously consider closure for all but key worker groups. We need parents to continue to support us by maintaining the 2m distance when outside the school grounds. We are continually checking our risk assessments and it maybe that we need to change our timetables at the last minute if we have any concerns about children or adults possibly becoming infected. Please check emails and the website for up to date information.

Parents can help us by not sending children to school if they, or anyone in their household, are poorly.

The children will be outside as much as possible for their learning so please send them with a sun hat. They may bring sun cream as long as they can apply it themselves. They may not share this with anyone else. If your child does burn easily in the sun please also send them with a cardigan or jumper so that they can cover up if they need to. We wish you all a safe and happy new term.

Yours faithfully

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