



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

18th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been really pleased that we have been able to open for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as requested by the government. Only 70% of schools nationally have been able to do this. The children in school have done really well at adapting to having to socially distance. We have set out tables and selected equipment just for the use of each child. We have also kept numbers in classrooms small so that we can maintain the 2m distance. We are aware that this may change in the future but for now this means that we can fit about 7 or 8 children in each classroom with two adults. It has to be two adults to give times for breaks during the day or to deliver messages/registers/sick children to and from the office. At the moment the hall and all but one classroom are being used every day for Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and key worker groups.

The government dropped their plans to bring all year groups back before the summer holiday but we have been looking at ways to bring more children back within our limited space and with our small number of staff, even if this is just for a few sessions over the next few weeks. Our next group will be the Year 3 pupils in Oak class for one week so that they have some time with the teacher they will be with in September. This has to be part time due to the limited space in school to get to and from toilets and the need to keep staff and children in 'bubbles' that don't swap around. We would like to be able to do this with all year groups but Mrs Davison is the only teacher not currently assigned to a 'bubble'. She is very much looking forward to being back in school with the children.

We are in active discussion about options for how we bring in other year groups for some sessions before the summer but at the moment have not been able to move forward on this due to current health and safety regulations. However, this is an ever changing situation. As soon as we are able to give definite decisions we will contact parents. Thank you for your patience with this. If we are able to find a way around bringing more children safely into school we will do so.

Teachers have written reports as usual this year but they will of course be much briefer than they have been previously as they are only for half the year (September to February half term). We felt very strongly though that children should still get their reports. It is also lovely to look back on these in years to come. I know personally that although my daughter has now started university she still enjoys occasionally looking back at her primary school reports!

We have also started to look at classes for next year. Teachers will be staying in the same classrooms and most children will move up to their expected teacher. Where we have had to split classes due to numbers in particular year groups we are in the process of contacting parents on an individual basis to explain where we think each child will be best placed. Confirmation of classes for September will be sent out once we have contacted this group of parents.

Thank you for your continued support during this time.

Regards

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