



St Bartholomew's CE Primary School

1st September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have had a good summer despite the challenges of Covid-19. We are looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to a new term and a new school year. It will be a little different to the usual start to the school year but at least we will all be back in school full time. I also want to say a huge welcome to our new pupils starting with us for the first time. It is a lovely school and I am sure you will enjoy being part of our school family as much as I do!

We have been waiting for further updates for the government and health officials before sending out this letter. The Chief Medical Office has released updated information (23rd August) to say that evidence shows that there is very little risk to young children from this virus. Children should stay within their class groups and not mix for collective worship or lunch and break times. The children will eat in their classrooms and collective worship will be via the internet, on the screens in the classroom. The classrooms have been set up so that the children will be able to work together as usual and share resources. They will still stay 2 metres distance from adults and adults in school will stay 2 metres apart from one another. The government says that the biggest risk of the disease spreading in school is from parents when they drop off and collect children. We ask that parents continue to keep 2 metres away from other families at the school entrances and drop off and collect at the set times to reduce the numbers of adults at gates at any one time. Please also continue to make an appointment if you wish to speak to someone in school.

Apple class to use the field gate at the side of the school and go into school via their outdoor classroom door at 08.45, Palm class to use the same gate and go into school via their outside classroom door at 08.35, Oak to use the main entrance to school and walk past the bike shed to get to their outside classroom door at 08.45, Willow to use the same entrance and go into their classroom through their outside classroom door at 08.35.

Classes that start at 8.45 will finish at 3.10 and children will leave via the entrance they came in through in the morning. Classes that start at 8.35 will finish at 3.00. If you have siblings that are due to enter school at the same time from different places then please choose one entrance for the children to enter and leave by each day. Children should then cross the playground and enter their classrooms through the usual door. Parents should leave their children at the gate and collect them from the same gate at the end of the day.

If you have any individual concerns about sending your child back to school please contact us and we can work together to try to resolve any issues.

Yours faithfully

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