

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

PARTIAL RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL TO YEAR 1 and RECEPTION PUPILS FROM JUNE 1ST

We hope that you and your family are all safe and well. We continue to miss our children and it has been nice to see some of them in our childcare facility each day.

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister on 10th May, we have been working hard to prepare for some of the children to return to school on Monday 1st June. It is important to say at this stage that this will NOT be 'business as usual'; in order to **follow the Government guidelines**, school will operate in a very different way. **At all times, our aim is to minimise risk to the children and staff.** Please rest assured that we have carried out a thorough risk assessment as per Calderdale's guidelines.

In order to support you to make your decision whether to send your child back to school at this stage, here are a number of things that you need to know:

- Children will be taught in **small groups** decided by school
- There will be **no cooperative** play or sharing of resources
- Children will be allocated a table to sit at
- Groups will be **led by an adult** (not necessarily a teacher)
- **Groups WILL NOT be allowed to mix** at any point during the day
- There will be a **staggered start and end time to the school** day; this will allow groups to arrive and leave at different times
- To minimise risk to everyone, **one adult only to drop off or collect** a child
- **Before school, parents/carers MUST remain with their child** (staying socially distanced from other families) in the playground and hand their child over to the adult leading the group
- **We will take the temperature of each child** prior to their entry in to school. Should your child present with a temperature, you will need to take them home immediately to isolate
- **Children will have staggered lunch and break times** to avoid groups mixing
- **Social distancing** will be observed (we cannot guarantee that this will always be 2 metres as it will depend on how many children we have in school)
- **Children are NOT ALLOWED to bring anything in to school** (to minimise the risk of cross contamination) except their **water bottle**
- We will provide packed lunches for **all children**
- **Reading books will not be sent home**



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- Children will be expected to **wash their hands regularly** at each transition throughout the day
- **Staff will be allowed to wear face coverings** if it helps them to feel safer
- Government advice is that **clothes must be washed, as soon as children return home**. In the light of this, children DO NOT have to wear school uniform but MUST wear clean clothes each day to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
- Children need to wear suitable footwear (trainers are allowed) to be able to do PE.
- PPE will be worn by staff should they need to administer first aid.
- If one member of the group develops symptoms, the entire group MUST isolate for 14 days (member with symptoms 7 days).
- For the safety of staff, parents/carers need to ring/text or email school and NOT come into the building.
- Each day, children will engage in a range of activities similar to those that children are completing at home. Teachers will continue to update the home learning platform.
- It will **not be possible to undertake any transition work** with the Junior school.

Children MUST have an adult with them, at all times, before school and at the end of the day to collect them. Children will not be allowed to arrive and leave without an adult. Government advice is that you should try to avoid public transport when making journeys.

The Government state that, during this time, there will be **no penalties** for parents who choose not to send their child (ren) to school.

In order that we can allocate groupings, please **text school, 'Yes' or 'No' by 3pm on Wednesday 20th May** to tell us if you want a place for your **Year 1 or Reception** child.

Please note that dependent on pupil numbers, we may not be able to take both year groups back on June 1st. We will confirm arrangements on Friday 22nd May.

Finally, whilst our emergency childcare will continue this week and after half term, we will be **closed to ALL PUPILS at half term** so that we can continue to put our plans in place for re-opening on Monday 1st June.

At this stage, it is important for you to understand that it may not be possible to integrate all pupils back to school before the end of the summer term (start of the summer holidays).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please stay safe.

Karen Smith, Headteacher
Glenys Phillips, Chair of Governors



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