

Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Year R

School Reopening Arrangements

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

As you will know, schools will reopen for children in YR, Y1 and Y6 from Monday 1st June, dependent on the five key tests set by the government.

The Government has recognised that children find it very difficult to socially distance and have therefore put in place the following measures:

- Avoid anyone with symptoms
- Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- Regular cleaning
- Minimise contact and mixing

Based upon this, we have organised the provision below for Year R children returning to St Botolph's:

Morning Drop-Off

- Parents to bring children onto the KS1 playground via the main pedestrian gate and wait with their child on the new crosses which have been painted on the ground.
- Staff will come out and collect children.
- If your child is reluctant to come into school, one of their staff will offer to hold their hand and encourage them in. Once inside, both staff and children will wash their hands. Staff will respect the 2 metre social distancing guidelines with parents.
- Parents to leave the site via the new pedestrian gate (which will be signposted).
- One parent/carer per child only.
- Drop off times will be staggered - Year R will need to arrive school at 9.00am.

Teaching/Classrooms

- Children will be grouped into "*bubbles*" of no more than 15 pupils; these will be sorted by register order.
- Each *bubble* will be led by a teacher or HLTA and have a TA. These staff will remain with the children for the entire time. The overriding principle here is for consistent adults, with no mixing between groups.
- Classrooms will be de-cluttered and cleared of all soft furnishings to allow for improved cleaning.
- Desks will be spaced apart as far as is practically possible.
- Regular hand washing routines will be established within the class setting, with hand sanitiser provided.
- Children are encouraged to bring in their own pencil case, which they will leave in school, or will be provided with their own school equipment for personal use.
- Book bags and reading books should not be brought to school; equipment should not go back and forth between school and home.
- Children will need a PE kit, which will be left in school.

- Where possible school uniform should be worn. If children have outgrown their uniform, they may substitute trousers with plain coloured jogging bottoms or leggings and school jumpers with a plain coloured top. Inappropriate clothing for school will not be allowed.

Playtime/Lunchtime

- Playtime and lunchtime will be staggered, with allocated areas in the outdoor area for each *bubble* and an allocated slot to eat lunch; the principle is that the 'bubbles' should not mix at all.
- School dinners will be available.
- Each *bubble* will be provided with their own outdoor play equipment.

End of School Day

- At the end of the day, parents should wait on the crosses on the KS1 playground.
- Staff will bring the children to the playground.
- We ask that you leave the school playground via the 'new' pedestrian gate with your child.
- The school day will end at 2.40pm for Year R.

Parent Communication

- Year R parents will not be allowed to enter the school and should only use the KS1 playground, complying with the social distancing requirements.
- Any communication will be via email or telephone.
- If face to face contact is necessary, it will be by appointment only, with one parent only, with strict social distancing measures adhered to.

Online Learning

- The current online provision will change. If you choose not to send your child into school, work will still be available online but teachers will obviously be busy teaching the children who are in school.

Can I now please ask you to complete the following online form, by **Wednesday 20th May**, informing us whether your child/ren will be returning to school on 1st June:

[YR Reply Form](#)

Kind regards

Mrs A Chitty
Head Teacher