



St. Jude's Church of England Primary School

Response to survey and frequently asked questions

COVID 19 reopening of schools

Thank you for sending in your responses on the parent survey. We have looked carefully at your comments and have set out our response to your concerns.

There is also a lot of information being shared in the media at the moment – this information will hopefully serve to clarify any queries that you have.

How have classrooms been adapted for social distancing measures?

- ✓ We have measured out table settings to ensure social distancing is adhered to
- ✓ All table top activities and resources will be removed so that cleaning can take place easily
- ✓ Soft furnishings and toys will not be available to children
- ✓ Shared pots have been removed - individual pencil cases will be handed out to all children
- ✓ Each child will have a set place and not move to a different table.

What will the school day look like when the children return on the 1st June?

- ✓ The school day will look very different, time will be allocated for hand washing and regularly cleaning surfaces
- ✓ There will be staggered break times and lunch times
- ✓ Movement of groups around school will be kept to a minimum
- ✓ Children will stay with their allocated adult and stay in their 'bubble'.

Will curriculum areas be covered?

- ✓ Expectations for coverage of the curriculum will change significantly, the focus will be on providing time to support the health and wellbeing of the children
- ✓ The children will be engaged in outdoor learning and creative activities
- ✓ Our art therapist will be available to support children
- ✓ New expectations on hand washing and moving around the school will be explained to the children
- ✓ Teachers have planned the summer 2 topic - Heroes and Helpers, which covers all subjects and with the usual progression of skills that will be covered.

How will I find out which group my child is in?

(Group 1 Monday and Tuesday or Group 2 Thursday and Friday)

- ✓ A form will be sent out to you for you to complete.

What measures will be in place to avoid cross contamination or increased viral load throughout the day?

- ✓ Children will not be allowed to share belongings
- ✓ Any equipment used will be cleaned
- ✓ Groups of children will be kept separate
- ✓ A deep clean will take place on a Wednesday to ensure an additional clean before group 2 attends.

How is the school adapting to non-contact games and limited use of play equipment at lunch times?

- ✓ Our lunchtime leaders and PE leader have planned activities for the children which will reduce the contact.
- ✓ If equipment is used it will be cleaned.

I am not comfortable sending my child to school - will they still receive the on line learning?

- ✓ Yes children will continue to receive on line learning activities.

I am concerned that my child won't be taught by the usual classteacher, why is this?

- ✓ I have carefully risk assessed all staff, and considered who is available - because of the small groups being in 'bubbles' it is inevitable that children may not be taught by their usual classteacher.
- ✓ Our school is small and children are familiar with all staff, classteachers will be communicating regularly regarding planning of activities. We are sure children will settle well with our wonderful staff.

My child is part of the key worker group that has been attending in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 can they join their class?

- ✓ You have a choice - either they remain with their key worker 'bubble' - attending every day/on the days that suit your shift patterns.

OR

- ✓ They join their class but only for the 2 days offered - this is so that the groups stay in their 'bubble'

I am not comfortable sending my child to school for now – but am I allowed to change my mind?

- ✓ Yes you can change your mind – but only after this 2 week trial period – it will be best to settle the group that we have in and then increase numbers. A form will be sent out for you to complete in week 2.

I have a child that is not in reception, year 1 or year 6 – can I bring them into school?

- ✓ No, at the moment the offer is only for Reception, year 1 and year 6 children, and the regular key worker children.

How have decisions been made for the arrangements for the school opening?

- ✓ I have carefully considered all the DFE guidance and the LA information. Schools will have different models of how they reopen based on their context and staff available to work
- ✓ Health and Safety requirements have been met and risk assessments completed
- ✓ Schools in our Windmill Cluster of Schools have shared ideas on their different approaches which has been helpful
- ✓ Ultimately - this plan for now, is possible with the staff available and the space available.

As a parent how can I support the school?

- ✓ Share any important information about your child or family that maybe impacting on them. (for example a bereavement, general challenges experienced within the family) We are all aware that this is challenging time and we want to support children to settle as much as possible.
- ✓ Please drop off and pick up at your slot on time - your child **MUST** be in the line at their allocated time
- ✓ Please don't come on the premises unless you have an appointment
- ✓ Send your child with a named water bottle
- ✓ A washed uniform should be worn each day
- ✓ Packed lunch boxes must be named
- ✓ Bring **essentials** in book bags/ ruck sacks (including a book, bottle of water).

How can I prepare my child for the new arrangements in school?

There will be information shared on the Google Drive for you, we will take photos of the classrooms and share the signage in place to help with discussions at home to prepare the children.

What should my child wear to school?

Children will be permitted to wear the winter or summer uniform, or their PE kit. It is important that the children continue to wear uniform as this will be something that is familiar to them.

My child is missing their PE kit or other uniform – left in school before school closure - can I come into school to pick them up?

All uniform left in school has been washed and placed in lost property - if you are missing any uniform and it is named – please contact the school office.

Will there be a breakfast club after school club provision?

There are no plans to offer this, as the groups of children would be mixed up.

This is a useful link to give further information on vulnerable groups:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>