



# St Mary's C of E school

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 children,

I hope you and your family are keeping well. Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to our letter about opening school to Year 6. We understand that everyone has made a decision based on their own circumstances and are respectful of each individual's decision on this.

As stated in our letter last week we are having two Year 6 groups and we will be reviewing provision every two weeks. No children will be joining either group from 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The next opportunity to join the group is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

If your child is returning to school you should have received a text stating which group your child is in.

School will be open for

**Group A on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

And for

**Group B on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.**

### How will we keep your child safe?

We have carried out an extensive and thorough risk assessment. Below is a summary of the measures we can control to make the school as safe as possible.

We need you to work with us on these measures as the safety of the children and staff coming back to school is a collective responsibility.

- We will be checking with you each day that your child is well. No child will be allowed to attend schools if they are displaying **any** symptoms of **any** illness.
- We will also be asking you if anyone you live with is displaying symptoms and your child will not be able to attend the setting if this is the case.
- We will be washing hands at the start of the day, before and after playtimes, before and after any snacks and at the end of the day. We will also be asking children to wash hands after they have coughed or sneezed.
- PPE will be worn by staff if a child develops symptoms of CoVid 19 while attending the setting and also for cleaning the isolation area after the child leaves.



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- If your child wears a mask to school then this **must** be removed and disposed of on entry to school. If you require your child to wear a mask while in school these must be provided by you in a zipped bag.
- All spaces used will have double lined lidded bins for tissues.
- All visitors **MUST** wash hands with hand sanitiser before entering the school and also wash hands on leaving.
- Parents **MUST NOT** enter the school building. Please email or phone with any queries. The office **CANNOT** deal with face to face queries during this time.
- Social distancing measures will be put into place with desks set out 2m apart. All children will have their own set of equipment to use. In EYFS we will be limiting resources put out and these will only be used in that bubble.

***However, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary aged children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff at all times. In deciding to send your children to school you must take this into account.***

- All toys, surfaces and tables will be thoroughly cleaned each day.
- Toilets – these will be cleaned regularly throughout the morning. Older children will have dedicated times to go to the toilet so we can manage this effectively. Year 6 group will use one set of toilets in the junior section of the school and the key worker bubble will be using the other set.
- We will, of course, inform you if any child or member of staff develops symptoms, tests positive to Covid 19 and the resulting action we would need to take.

**Arriving at school – school starts at 9:00 for Year 6**

**All Year 6 parents and carers must use the green gate from the prom to come into school.**

All Year 6 children **MUST** stay with parents and line up at the designated areas in the playground before coming into school. Please do not arrive earlier. We will not be having a member of staff on duty before the start of school. We will not be opening the door to the playground for Year 6 children until 9:00am.

**Collection from school – school ends at 12:30pm for Year 6**

At the end of the session we will be dismissing children from the playground. Year 6 children will leave at 12:30pm for the first two weeks. We need ALL children to be met by an adult.

There will be signs on the playground telling you where to wait and parents **MUST** observe social distancing.

**Year 6 children. Parents and carers MUST leave via the green gate to the prom.**



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### Free school Meals

**Food packages continue for Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June. Food packages will be available for collection on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June this week. If you child is FSM then you can collect these from school as your child leaves. Or we can deliver as we have been doing for the past 10 weeks.**

**From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June can order a school packed lunch to take home. If your child is not attending school then the Food packages will continue.**

### What will the learning in school look like?

We have discussed this and are working to a set of agreed principles. Please see our website for more information. There are no specific curriculum requirements that the DFE has announced, so we are planning activities that use the outdoors wherever possible. We will be doing purposeful learning with opportunities for lots of talk and ensuring that your child's wellbeing and safety is at the heart of what we do. We can take the children to the school field and even the beach provided we risk assess and can adhere to social distancing. We will be aiming to spend at least 2 hours outside every day.

### What does my child need to know?

School will be different from what your child has known so far. We have needed to rearrange the classrooms, reduce the amount of furniture and clear away items such as comfy chairs and book areas. We will need to keep in our 'bubble' groups.

### Equipment

In Year 1 and Year 6, the children will have their own pencils etc in a plastic bag on their table.

We will have a selection of books out each day and then these will be put away and rotated with other books.

We will provide cups for water, if you child bring in a water bottle we can wash this at school for each day.

**Sun hats and sun cream** – please make sure your child has a hat to wear and also sun cream in a named bottle. We cannot apply sun cream for your child so please make sure your child has some on before coming to school.

### Uniform

We are expecting all the children to wear uniform. However, if your child has grown out of uniform and you have not been able to replace it then please wear something suitable for everyday in school. Please make sure that this is washed daily.

### Helping your child settle back into school

Miss Knuckey has rearranged the classroom and taken some photos which are on the class Facebook page. Everything looks quite minimal but still like the class 6 classroom (we hope).



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### Attendance

The decision to send your child back to school is yours. Attendance is not compulsory for any year group. If you choose not to send your child into school at this point there will not be any attendance issues.

If you do take up a place and for some reason your child does not attend then please phone the office as you usually would do to report an absence.

### Home Learning after half term

With increasing demands on staff to help staff the provision in school after half term we will be using more externally prepared materials for school such as Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize. We will not be setting home learning for children in the target year groups where there is provision in school but will direct you towards appropriate resources for your child. If your child is attending school they can access this work on the days they are not in.

### Working together

As I stated earlier, we have risk assessed what we can control within our school grounds. If this is to be successful then we need your support to adhere to our guidelines. We also need ALL parents and carers to be following the government guidance as well. This is our joint responsibility for the whole school community.

We will be reviewing our provision on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June for the following two weeks or more frequently if government guidance changes.

We are looking forward to opening the school again but need our approach to be cautious, safe, phased and controlled. We hope you will support the school in our plan to achieve this.

Finally, we will be sending out a short questionnaire to all families returning to school about what lock down has been like for you and your family. This is so we can pick up on any worries or concerns you or your child may have. I urge you to respond to this questionnaire. None of us have been through anything like this before in our lifetime. All answers will be confidential.

We hope you have had a safe and happy half term. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 back and to continued working together with you during this time.

Keep safe and stay well,

Kindest regards,

Hilary Tyreman Head teacher



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