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Friday 29th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Partial re-opening for children in Reception, Year One and Year Six

I write further to my letter dated Thursday 2nd May 2020, to **reconfirm the plans for the partial reopening** of St. John the Divine on **Monday 1st June 2020**.

Given the events of the past week, it was no surprise that, yesterday, the Prime Minister confirmed his desire to see schools opening to more pupils based on his claim that the government's **five tests** had been met. You will be aware however, that death rates are still rising and the number of new daily infections remains consistently in the thousands; the advice from the Government's own advisory body, SAGE, does not fully back the government plans as they have been presented to schools, and much SAGE's advice (delaying by a further two weeks, implementing a rota system) has been disregarded by the government.

Over the last few weeks I have spoken with the Head Teachers of many other local and national schools. Not one of these schools are able to implement the government's guidance in full from next week, and every school is operating on a slightly different programme based on their situation. **All schools are different and we are all focused on trying to do what is best for our individual settings.** It is worth noting that the Government's guidance to schools was updated 41 times in just one week, highlighting just how disjointed the government's strategy has been for school leaders to implement.

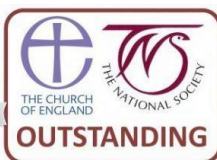
We will be re-opening, albeit cautiously on Monday 1st June. To enable this we have put in place a number of control measures.

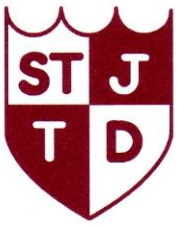
Control Measures

The school has undertaken a **full risk assessment** which has been shared with the Governors, the Local Authority and the Unions. This assessment will be reviewed on at least a fortnightly basis. Below is a reminder of the measures being put into place; they will be enforced in an attempt to minimise the risk for everyone:

- Children must be brought to school by an adult – Year Six children who would normally come to school on their own need to be dropped off by an adult so that the agreement, outlined below, can be signed and the safety procedures followed
- Parents must adhere to the social distancing measures in place on Warham Street – failure to do so may result in your child NOT being permitted entry
- All children will enter the school via the School House entrance on Warham Street – children will wash their hands in the newly installed outdoor sinks and have their temperature checked before they are allowed on site. Children with a temperature will not be allowed to come to school
- Children need to wear a clean uniform every day
- Children should not bring anything to school other than their packed lunch – this should be brought to school in a disposable bag
- Each class will have separate toilet facilities, playtimes and lunchtimes
- Each class will have separate travel zones and routes within the school building
- Parents are not allowed on site – any queries or requests should be made via email or telephone to the school office
- Additional cleaning will be taking place within classrooms and across the school during the day

Attached to this letter (in a separate email) is a **COVID-19 Home School Agreement** which sets out what you can expect from the school during this time and our expectations for parents and children, including the points noted above. I would ask that you read through this document with your child; a copy will be available for you to sign on the first morning your child returns to school.





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Parents are also advised to re-read the letter sent on Thursday 21st May 2020 as this confirms the group your child is in and the weeks they are expected in school. Below is a copy of the timetable

Week Beginning	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
	1 st June 2020	8 th June 2020	15 th June 2020	22 nd June 2020	29 th June 2020	6 th July 2020	13 th July 2020	20 th July 2020
Provision for children	Group A In school learning	Group B In school	Group A In school	Group B In school	Group A In school	Group B In school	Group A In school	Group B In school
	Group B Virtual learning at home	Group A At Home	Group B At home	Group A At Home	Group B At home	Group A At Home	Group B At home	Group A At Home

A child in **Group A** will be in school in **Week 1, Week 3, Week 5 and Week 7**

A child in **Group B** will be in school in **Week 2, Week 4, Week 6 and Week 8**

As already outlined, to ensure the **health and safety** of all stakeholders we are introducing staggered times to the beginning and the end of the day. Please be reminded of the time for your child; parents are urged to adhere to these times as children will not be allowed on site early and cannot be kept on site at the end of the day.

	Start Time	Collection Time
Reception & Year One	9:00am	2:30
Year Six	8:30am	2:15
Critical Workers & Vulnerable children	9:30am	2:45

In the event of a child or member of staff becoming unwell with suspected COVID-19 all of those within the group will be sent home and required to self-isolate in line with the government's guidance. Parents will be contacted and children will need to be collected as a matter of urgency. It is vital that we have not only your most up-to-date contact number but that of a family friend or relative who we can call on in the event of an emergency when we are unable to get through to you.

As I referred to in an earlier letter, this is an imperfect plan in a difficult period, but it is designed to ensure the safety of all staff and pupils and to respond in a fair and consistent way. It is a plan that will be reviewed and adapted as we move forward through the coming weeks and months.

There is an element of risk in re-opening schools – should the risk become too great or should issues surrounding staff availability become a concern then the school reserves the right to review the plan and to withdraw the offer in place for children in Reception, Year one and Year Six.

Finally, I continue to wish you all well and I'd particularly like to thank those of you who have emailed the school to offer your support. I have really appreciated it.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

