

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 21st May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

In response to my letter dated Wednesday 13th May 2020 you have indicated that you would like your child to return to school on June 1st 2020; this letter outlines how we will manage the phased re-opening here at St. John the Divine.

Please note that this plan is subject to change based on the guidance given by the government – they are due to carry out a ‘confidence test’ on Thursday 28th May 2020 and, based on the findings of this test it may be considered too soon to re-open the school.

The most effective way to manage the return to school is to **split each class into two groups**, and to invite the children into school following a **two week timetable** where the children attend school for one week then work at home the following week. When the children are in school they will be taught by a member of school staff and when they are at home they will be able to access the online learning set for their year group.

The children of critical workers and other vulnerable children who have been attending school will continue to attend as required – they will make up the third group in school and will remain together at all times.

For our plans to work the children will remain with their group all day, and they will not mix with any of the other children on site. The school has been zoned to ensure this will be the case.

Your child is in **Group A**. The timetable below outlines the weeks your child can attend school.

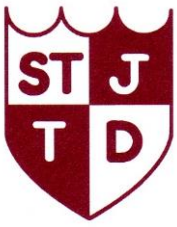
Week Beginning	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
	1 st June 2020	8 th June 2020	15 th June 2020	22 nd June 2020	29 th June 2020	6 th July 2020	13 th July 2020	20 th July 2020
Provision for children	Group A In school learning	Group B In school	Group A In school	Group B In school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

To be clear – 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

To ensure that we are able to meet the health and safety requirements involved in re-opening, there are a number of changes that we have had to make to the use of the school site and the timings of the school day. It is imperative that parents read the following information and follow the requests made so that we can do our best to ensure everyone’s safety.





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Entry to the School

- From June 1st 2020 all children will enter the school via **the pedestrian gate by the school house** at the end of Warham Street.
- Parents are strongly advised to take notice of and follow the **social distancing markings** on the street for everyone's safety
- **Parents will not be permitted on site** – should a parent wish to meet with a member of staff this request will be noted and a telephone meeting will be arranged
- Before entering the school building the children will wash their hands and their temperature will be checked – any child who has a temperature will not be permitted to stay in school
- The main school entrance will not be in use

Staggered Start and End to the school day

Children will need to arrive and be collected at the times noted in the table below:

	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

Parents are asked to stick to the time stated and not to arrive earlier than the given time as your child will not be permitted on site – it is important that parents do not congregate around the school gates or on Warham Street waiting, at either drop off or collection.

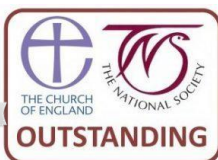
Children must be collected on time – so that a thorough clean of the areas used can take place in readiness for the following day.

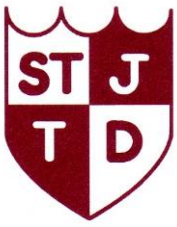
Use of the Building

- The children in Reception and Year One will be based in the Nursery classroom where there are separate toilet facilities
- The children in Year Six will use their classroom and the Key Stage Two toilets
- The Critical Worker children will be based in the Year One classroom and will use the Key Stage One toilets

Lunches

- We are not in a position to provide hot meals
- If your child receives Free School Meals they will be provided with a packed lunch – you will no longer receive the eVouchers that have been provided thus far
- If your child receives Universal Infant Free School Meals then they too will be provided with a pack lunch
- All other children are required to bring a packed lunch to school – this must be in a plastic box and follow the school's guidelines





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- Children will eat their lunches with those in their group – this will take place outside whenever possible

Children are expected to attend school in their **uniform**; they **should not bring a bag** or any additional items to school with them. Outdoor activities, which will take place daily, will be done in the children's uniform. We ask that the children wear clean clothes on a daily basis.

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.

I appreciate that this letter contains a lot of information for you to think about and organize, including in relation to your own working hours. It 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.

I thank you for your continued support and patience as we work through this together.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

