



# ST LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 1st June 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope that everyone had a good half-term and that you are all as well as can be expected during these challenging and changeable times. As I am sure you are now aware, the government stated that the 5 tests have been met so schools can begin to increase their numbers from today. As explained in my previous letters, at our school, we have decided to undertake a phased return for our children beginning with **Year 6 only**. This is so that those children (and parents) returning can become used to the new procedures and ways of working that we have had to put in place. **We want to increase our opening safely and steadily.**

Today, the majority of schools in Wolverhampton have had an INSET day – this we have used in order to train staff, finalise safety procedures and complete preparation of classrooms and resources. Safety is our first concern.

The following is a timetable of our planned re-opening to more children:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Year 6 children return**

**Monday 8th June: Year 1 children return**

**Monday 15th June: Reception children (please note until we know numbers of children returning, we do not know if children will be able to attend full-time or part-time)**

**Please note that only those children whose parents have informed us that they are choosing to send their children back to school are able to attend on their allocated days.**

**For those parents who have chosen to keep their children at home, we will continue to provide Home Learning on the school website. We are also looking into purchasing some additional resources which will support you and your child.**

If your child is returning to school, the following information explains what is happening.

## How will children who are attending school be grouped?

- Children will be in groups (called Bubbles) of no more than 10 (Reception bubbles are likely to be smaller)
- Each Bubble will be allocated a classroom and will not use other classrooms. Your child will only mix with the children in their allocated Bubble.
- Each Bubble will be allocated two members of staff who will work with that Group Bubble alone.
- Each Bubble will have an allocated time in the dining hall in order to eat their lunch.

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## Social Distancing and Safety for Parent/Carers of Year 6

- Year 6 pupils should enter the school site on their own—this will be via the main entrance on Park Street South or the pedestrian entrance on Blakenhall Gardens. **Parents must leave them at the school entrances please.**
- In order to help social distancing, children are expected to arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and two Year 6 bubbles will use the main Year 6 door and the other Year 6 bubble will use the main entrance.
- Collection time will be at 3:30 p.m. and Year 6 parents will be asked to wait for their children off the school site, adhering to social distancing rules.

## Social Distancing and Safety for Parent/Carers of Year 1

- Year 1 pupils who are returning must be accompanied by **one adult only** — access to school will be via through the rear staff car park on Park Street South and along the path by the trim trail or the Nursery Gate on Blakenhall Gardens.
- In order to help social distancing, children are expected to arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and will enter the classrooms as normal but following social distancing rules.
- Collection time will be at 3:30 p.m. and Year 1 parents will be asked to wait for their children outside the classrooms but not under the canopy, adhering to social distancing rules.

**Arrangements for Reception Parents will be shared next week.**

**Please note that Breakfast club and after school club will not be running for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 but we are still continuing to offer childcare for children of Key Workers—although school should be a last resort!**

## School Meals

We will be providing school meals for all children or your child is able to bring a packed lunch. Those children eligible for Free School Meals will receive a free school meal—vouchers will no longer be available if your child is attending school.

## Does my child need to wear uniform?

No. Children should wear sensible clothing and footwear for indoor and outdoor activity. They do not need to bring PE kit.

## What do I need to send to school?

To maximise safety, we ask that your child does not bring any personal items into school. If a Year 6 child needs to bring a mobile phone, they will leave it in a safe container as before.





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## Illness - Very Important!

If your child is not feeling well in any way, **please do not send them to school** but please inform us as there is a procedure that we need to follow, particularly if you think your child is developing any symptoms of Coronavirus. We must also have up-to-date contact details for **two people** so that we can contact you if we need to.

## What happens if a pupil or member of staff develops symptoms of Corona Virus?

We have allocated a room where children can be isolated with a member of staff until you come to collect them. This will be done quietly, sensitively and with our caring approach.

In order to prepare for reopening to more children, we have completed a risk assessment from the Local Authority, which has been scrutinised and reviewed by the Local Authority. This is now available on our school website.

We have also put together a short video which explains how the school day will look for you and your child. This is available on the Home Learning Site. Or by using this link: <https://youtu.be/-mYWcAmX8JI>

We hope this helps to answer some of your questions.

Thank you, as always, for all your support and positive comments throughout this time, we really appreciate it.

God bless, take care and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

