



## All Saints' C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

After discussion with staff, governors and an in-depth risk assessment we have decided to open school more widely for Key worker/vulnerable children and Reception on 1st June. Nursery children of non Key-worker families will be slotted in at the discretion of staff and in close collaboration with parents. The number of Key Worker and Vulnerable pupils in school has now risen to above 50. Therefore, in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines and maintain stringent hygiene standards we do not currently have the capacity - either staffing or space - to open to Years 1 and 6 safely.

Our intention is to start small and become more confident and proficient with the extra focus on health, safety and hygiene. We will review the situation every 2 weeks. If after 2 weeks we are able to open up for year 1 and/or year 6 children, we will be in contact with parents in plenty of time to make arrangements.

To facilitate the safe education of Key Worker and Vulnerable Pupils, teaching staff will be returning to classroom 'Bubbles' of up to 15 children. Those 15 children will not mix with other 'bubbles' during the school day - including break times and lunch times. The amount of space allocated for Early Years children will be significantly larger because of the increased difficulty with social distancing for this age group. Staff will remain with their bubble throughout the day. Mrs Haycock and Mrs Lewis will lead Nursery and Reception, Miss Kendrick and Mr Gibbs will lead Key Stage 1 and Mrs Akers, Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Ridley will lead teaching in Key Stage 2. There will be a focus on a creative curriculum and outside learning. Please note that your child may not be in a bubble with their current class teacher. You will receive information about your child's allocated bubble nearer the time of when they are due back in school. Use of Showbie will continue. Mr Redfern will plan and resource maths learning for Years 1 to 6. Class teachers will plan and set topic based work for their classes. Mr Tyson will maintain the day-to-day running of Showbie and will be giving feedback to all learners in Years 1 to 5. Mr Redfern will continue to run the Year 6 Showbie page, whilst other teachers are back in the classroom. Class

Teachers will still upload learning on a weekly basis and can be contacted via email or Showbie if there is a query that Mr Tyson is not able to answer. Early Years planning and feedback on Showbie will continue in the same way as it has for the lockdown period so far. Work set on Showbie will be the same work done by children in school to ensure consistency as far as possible. We are also looking at ways to develop activities and learning for children learning at home (information to follow).

To ensure the necessary staffing and social distancing, **parents and carers that are Key Workers (apart from Reception)** must email office@ or headteacher@allsaints-alrewas.staffs.sch.uk each week by 5pm on a Thursday, to let us know what days their children are in for the following week with details of work/shift patterns. Please only send your children into school when it is necessary.

#### Health and Safety:

- In Year 1 to 6, Key Worker and Vulnerable Pupils will sit at a designated place, with their own pencil/pens etc - that stay in school - and a book for maths and a book for English/Science/Topic/Discovery/RE.
- Children will be provided with equipment for their **sole** use which will be sanitized at the end of each day.
- Worksheets/ books etc **not** to travel between home and school.
- Each Key Stage will enter through a separate gate. Once we have definite numbers for the week of 1<sup>st</sup> June we will contact families with a start time. This is so that entrance and exit from school can be staggered in line with government advice. Only one parent will be able to drop and collect and there is an expectation that guidelines regarding social distancing will be respected by all parents in close proximity to school during times of drop off and collection.
- Parents are not to enter the school building and the office will be closed for now. All enquiries can be made by telephone or email.
- Children bringing in packed lunches will need to do so in packaging that can be easily disposed of - preferably paper. Children having lunches in school will be provided with a cold/sandwich lunch for ease of disposal and optimum hygiene. Free school meals will be provided for those eligible.
- Children can wear comfortable **non-school** uniform with footwear suitable for moderate physical activity - to avoid unnecessary changing of clothes, bags etc in school.
- Use of toilets will be supervised throughout the day to ensure social distancing and rigorous hand washing. Door handles will be disinfected frequently.
- Children will wash their hands on entrance to school, after going to the toilet, before eating and throughout the day.
- School will operate normal opening hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (8.45am - 3.15pm with staggered starts and finish times). On Wednesday we will open at 8.45am and close at 12 noon so that the school can be 'deep cleaned'.

- Before and After-School club will not be running until further notice. If you wish to discuss this with Dawn James, her number is 07886 192380.
- An updated risk assessment will be sent out and posted on the school website before 1<sup>st</sup> June.

If any person shows COVID 19 symptoms, then that bubble and the bubbles of any siblings will **close** until testing has taken place. All members of that bubble and their household need to **self isolate** until the test result is known. If it is negative, they can return to school. If it is positive then all members of affected bubbles need to self- isolate for 14 days, with their household.

If any person shows symptoms of COVID 19 they will immediately go to the medical room with one carer until they can be collected. All members of the bubble/ bubbles will be contacted immediately.

We pride ourselves on being a particularly caring and open school. However, for the time being it might not feel this way. This is because we want to protect the children, staff and families in our community to the best of our ability. For now, we will be keeping our distance and encouraging the children to do so too. We will spend time talking to children about all of this (in an age-appropriate way) and would encourage you to do the same to prepare them for the fact that the school they left in March will not be the same from 1<sup>st</sup> June. This is likely to be the case for some time.

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding in these difficult times. The plans outlined could well change before 1<sup>st</sup> June. If this is the case, we will keep you informed. You can contact me if you wish to discuss anything further on the usual phone number or email addresses.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming at least some more of our children into school.

Best Wishes

Ms Golden  
Sue Durrant (Chair of Governors)