

St Swithun's C of E Primary Academy

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Phased return of school pupils - information for Parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience and for the support that you have given us over the last few days as we have taken steps to evaluate the risks in response to the government direction for schools to begin the process of re-opening. Things have moved on quite significantly and I am now in a position to share more information about our plans to move forward. Things do, however, continue to be uncertain and this means that our plans may need to change in step with the government's evolving guidance.

With a view to a phased return of children into school from 1 June (subject to Government decision on May 28th), plans have been put together that support the government guidance whilst prioritising the safety of our children and staff. This is obviously a very new scenario for us all, and because of this we want you to know that our plans are effective before we move forward too quickly.

Which pupils will be eligible?

THIS IS A **PROVISIONAL** PLAN DEPENDENT ON THE GOVERNMENT AND TRUST ADVICE THAT WILL BE DUE OUT NEXT WEEK.

Week commencing Mon 1st June:

- Mon 1st / Tues 2nd June: INSET days designated for staff to prepare classrooms and to remove soft furnishings etc
- **Wed 3rd June: school closed for deep clean**
- Thurs 4th and Fri 5th June school open to children in **F1 and Y1**

Week commencing Mon 8th June:

- Mon 8th/Tues 9th June: School open to children in **F2 and Y1**
- **Wed 10th June: school closed for all except vulnerable and Key Worker children**
- Thurs 11th/Fri 12th June: School open to children in **F1 and Y1**

Week commencing Mon 15th June:

- Mon 15th/Tues 16th June: School open to children in **F2, Y1 and Y6**
- **Wed 17th June: school closed for all except vulnerable and Key Worker children**
- Thurs 18th/Fri 19th June: School open to children in **F1, Y1 and Y6**

Week commencing Mon 22nd June:

- Mon 22nd /Tues 23rd June: School open to children in **F2, Y1 and Y6**
- **Wed 24th June: school closed for all except vulnerable and Key Worker children**
- Thurs 25th /Fri 26th June: School open to children in **F1, Y1 and Y6**

We will continue to prioritise and offer full time provision, Monday – Friday, regardless of staff INSET days, to vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers.

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Many parents have already stated that they do not want their children to return if we do re-open in early June. I repeat the message that parents will not be penalised for making this decision. If you have made such a choice and change your mind at a later stage, please be patient with school - it might take a number of days for us to make changes to accommodate more children. In some cases, where staffing levels are already at full capacity, it may not be possible for more children to attend until more staff are available. I know that you will understand that, if this is the case, children will be welcomed back as soon as they safely can be.

Once teachers are back in school, you will appreciate that they will not be able to provide the same level of support for online learning. The closure on Wednesdays will provide the opportunity for teachers to manage the learning for classes not in school, and links to relevant educational websites will be provided for all year groups.

I will be sending out further information to parents of children in key year groups with details of the arrangements that have been designed to keep your children safe and supported emotionally as they return to school. This will include class 'Pods', designated zones, personal work-stations, staggered arrival and pick-up times, clothing and accessories policy, hand washing, and sanitisation.

We are all very much looking forward to returning to some form of normality as soon as it is safe to do so; this will remain our key priority as we move into the next phase of this situation.

With warmest wishes to you all.

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads 'Helen Thomas'.

Helen Thomas

Executive Headteacher