

Dear Parents

We hope that you and your families are continuing to keep safe in these difficult and strange times.

Some of you will have received an email yesterday outlining our initial plans for the phased re-opening of St Mary's, however, these have subsequently had to be altered following the Government's latest guidance issued on the evening of Thursday 14th May which conflicts with the original guidance. This latest guidance advises against rotas with children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 coming in every day. We will introduce a phased return of year groups once we know the number of Key Worker children we have across the school .

At this stage we need to know whether you qualify as a key worker and are intending to return your child to school from 3rd June 2020. This will allow us to prepare staffing 'bubbles' to accommodate the children safely. This applies to children in any year group.

After Half Term (Wed 3rd June), the school will begin a phased re-opening to specific groups outlined in the Government Guidance (Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6). This will involve staff working with children in cohorts of a maximum number of 15. Once in these groups there will be no movement of staff or pupils to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid19. This might mean that your child won't be taught by their own class teacher.

Once the number of key workers are confirmed we can then organise the year group cohort / 'bubbles'.

We will follow the DFE guidance to return our youngest children first. If you received an email yesterday and you still have not replied could you please do so by the Monday deadline of 12 midday.

I would like to reassure you once again that all our decisions have the health and safety of our pupils and staff at the forefront.

Thank you once again for your continued support, best wishes and prayers

God Bless

Julia Pearce