

# TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## VERY IMPORTANT

### Parent Survey and Plans for re-opening on June 1<sup>st</sup>

The Government has recommended to schools that they are open for some classes from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

**The school has been asked to re-open JUST FOR children in Years N, R and 1. (Children in Ducklings, Swans, Kingfishers, Penguins and Puffins classes).**

- Nursery morning children would attend from 9 -11.45am and afternoon children from 12.45-3.30pm. Full day children would attend for a full day 9-3.30pm.
- Year R and Year 1 would attend from 9 -3.15pm with staggered drop off/pick-ups.

I am sure you will be concerned to know if it is safe for your child to come to school and what we have prepared accordingly. I have outlined how we are preparing below for you. There is strict guidance about how the school should plan and you will have seen on the news what schools are trying to do to keep children safe and minimise risk. We are following all guidance we have been given.

### **Will my child be in their usual class with their usual teacher and classmates?**

- If you choose to send your child back to school, they will not necessarily be coming back into their usual classroom with their usual teacher.
- There will be 'teaching bubbles' (like a mini classroom) of up to 15 children with a teacher in each room we use. If every child returned, we would need at least 10 teaching bubbles and a minimum of 10 teachers.
- We are therefore preparing 10 spaces: Ducklings Nursery area will have 2 separate settings and then we will use the 2 chalet rooms, Swans, Kingfishers, Penguins, Puffins, Toucans and Hummingbirds rooms.
- As not all the teachers or teaching assistants can come back into school (as some are shielding or self-isolating) I will plan for every child who does come in to have a friend in their teaching bubble but I am afraid I cannot guarantee that children will be with their usual teacher or teaching assistant.

### **Where will my child play and have their lunch?**

- All the playground areas and fields will be marked off into sections. Only 15 children at a time will be able to go to play in any section they are taken to.
- Lunches will be packed lunches children bring in, not hot lunches and will be eaten in teaching bubble rooms.

### **What about moving round the school?**

- The main PE hall and corridors will only be used for one teaching bubble at a time to reduce the risk of infection.
- Children move at 3 second intervals and have marked spaces in class rooms to sit at or set chairs to sit on.

### **Will the rooms be clean?**

- All teaching bubbles will have cleaning materials and PPE equipment for staff to use.
- All cleaning requirements will be adhered to.

### **How do I drop off and pick up?**

- We have been instructed that a 'One Parent drop off scheme' is to be in place and we are to have staggered entry and exit times. (A bit like at the supermarket).
- Once we know how many children are returning to school we can give you exact details of drop off and pick up times and the gates you will have to come to with your child.
- Staff will make sure your child gets safely from the gate to the classroom.
- Sadly, you cannot come on site to see them into their rooms. (Up to now we have been able to have Parents on site to collect Eagles and Mallards, but numbers have been much lower than for a teaching bubble and so social distancing has been possible).

### **What about those with medical conditions?**

- Children with clinically extreme condition do not come to school
- Adults with clinically extremely vulnerable needs, or clinically vulnerable needs will need to observe the guidance they have been given
- If a child lives with an extremely clinically vulnerable adult, they can only attend if they can understand all social distancing measures.

### **What happens if a child develops Covid 19 symptoms in school?**

- If a child becomes unwell and shows signs of Covid -19 they will be isolated in a medical room with a trained member of staff, wearing PPE equipment and a mask.
- You will then need to collect your child and then your child will need to be tested.
- Children and staff will have access to tests. At that time that teaching bubble will be shut.
- If a test is positive the household will need to self-isolate for 14 days and the teaching bubble will be shut and asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

### **What happens for all the other children who won't be in school?**

#### **Home learning packs**

These will still be available for **ALL** year groups (including Years N R and 1) if any Parents/Carers decide not to send their child to school on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Plans for Years 2,3 and 4 will follow once the Government has seen if the statistics for Covid -19 cases for children returning to schools stay down during June.

The school would continue to be open for our Eagles class of Year 2,3 and 4 Key worker and vulnerable children group. Our Mallards children will join teaching bubbles.

### **School times**

School times will be staggered drop off and pick-ups but be based around a 9 – 3.15 day. As staff still have to plan and prepare for learning packs outside school for all year groups and fulfil all their additional teaching duties in school (plus staff numbers will be much lower than usual, therefore cover for teachers to plan and prepare will not be possible) school will **close at 1pm on Fridays for the period from June 1<sup>st</sup>** until further guidance is given to schools. Any PM Ducklings, children of key workers or vulnerable children can stay until the end of the day if required.

### **Please can I add**

- **We will do all we can to minimise risk for your child and to ensure your child has a happy and healthy time learning in school if they come to school.**
- **If you decide you do not wish to return your child to school on June 1<sup>st</sup> you will not be fined for non-attendance and we will continue to provide home learning packs for your child.**

As you now have full information about how school will be organised **please complete the survey below by Saturday at 5pm** so we know how many children to expect in school from June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **[SURVEY LINK](#)**

**[Just Click on here to do the Parent Survey](#)**

**[https://bit.ly/TSGpar\\_0106020](https://bit.ly/TSGpar_0106020)**

**Thank you for reading this and for submitting the survey. (One survey for each child please). There will be further details for families electing to return their children on Tuesday next week.**

Yours sincerely,

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Head teacher