



St Charles' RC Primary School

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Dear Families,

I hope you have all enjoyed the sunshine with your families and you are all safe and well. I wanted to update you with the provisional reopening plans. I understand that it is your choice to send your child into school or keep them at home.

Key worker childcare provision

A text message has been sent today informing you of your child's start and end time of the school day. The groups need to be staggered to allow the children to wash their hands safely when they enter and exit the building. Children need to bring in essential items only into school so please limit bags and belongings. Thank you for your support with this.

Entering and exiting school from 2 June

All children will now follow a one-way system into the playground. Please enter the school via the gate on Regent Farm Road. This will have a member of staff on the gate so children can be dropped off at the gate or one adult can accompany them into the playground. The playground has markings on for teachers to collect groups of children. Please stand back from the markings and always keep a social distance of 2m. Please collect your child at your allocated time slot and follow the one-way system entering at Regent Farm Road and leaving via the gate to the car park.

Arrival/Collection Arrangements:

- Children will be given staggered start and finish times. This is to minimise the numbers of people on/near the site at any one time.
- Only one parent/carer to bring each child to school. Please adhere to social distancing rules when dropping your child off and when collecting.
- Please only bring your child in at your given start time and turn up at the allocated collection time – arriving earlier will make social distancing more difficult.
- Please do not stay on/near school grounds once your child has been dropped off as we will need to prepare for the next group of children to arrive.
- There is no access to the building for parents/carers. If a parent/carer wishes to speak to a member of staff, please call the office, email admin or contact the class teacher via Class Dojo / Tapestry.
- This will continue to be our procedure for arriving and leaving school regardless of weather conditions.





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Lunches in school

From 2 June the school kitchen will only be able to offer a packed lunch option (they will try to offer tuna, cheese or ham sandwiches daily subject to availability) to enable us to operate with larger numbers of children whilst social distancing.

From 8 June the kitchen will be closing and all children will be asked to bring a packed lunch into school. This will be with the exception of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are in school who receive a universal free school meal. A packed lunch will be provided for these children.

Wider opening to pupils in Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery

Governors will be meeting on 8 June to approve the schools wider opening plan. This will be available for you to view on the school website following this meeting.

We intend on bringing Year 6 pupils back to school in the first instance then followed by Year 1 pupils. This will be for a trial period from 11 June until 26 June to ensure all of the planned systems that have been put in place are effective.

We are limited with the number of pupils we can allow in school at once due to the fact we can only accommodate between 8 and 10 pupils in a classroom. This will mean that Year 6 and Year 1 will be brought back into school initially on a part time basis.

This will also prevent us having all of the year groups the government has recommended return to school together. We do not have the classrooms or staff to accommodate them all at once due to the number of key worker children we already provide childcare for.

Provisional wider opening plans – Year 6 and Year 1

Year group	In school
Year 6 The children will be in 3 groups (alphabetically ordered) with three teachers. Mrs Binney, Miss Farrar and Miss Thomas will be teaching this group but this is subject to change.	Thursday 11 June and Friday 12 June Thursday 18 June and Friday 19 June Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June
Year 1 The children will be in 3 groups (alphabetically ordered) with three teachers. Mrs Bickle, Mrs Damti and Miss Kane will be teaching this group but this is subject to change.	Monday 15 June and Tuesday 16 June Monday 22 June and Tuesday 23 June
Reception	Dates to be confirmed after 26 June
Nursery	Dates to be confirmed after 26 June





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Children in Reception and Nursery have no anticipated start date as yet. This will be constantly under review and we will give you as much notice as possible if we can offer a return date before the summer break.

We will confirm the start and end times for Year 6 and Year 1 children once they have been approved.

On the days the children are in school we intend to resume teaching focused on the needs of the children and this will be supplemented by home learning e.g. from 8 June, Year 6 will have 3 home learning days and 2 days teaching in school. Home learning will not be provided on the days the children are in school but if you choose not to send your child into school, activities will be suggested for your child for those days.

Uniform

Your child must wear a clean uniform every day in school. Trainers can be worn as children will be active in school. Children are not required to wear a tie at this moment in time.

Parents consultation meeting

You will receive a text this week to book a telephone parent consultation with your child's class teacher. This will be limited to 10 minute telephone calls.

If you need any help with home learning or would like contact from a staff member, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Mrs Nealings
Head Teacher

