



**Bromesberrow St Mary's C of E Primary School and Pre-School
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Dear Parents,

Firstly, we hope that you and your families are staying safe and well in these challenging times. We are always here if you need to chat or if you are concerned in any way with how your child/ren are coping. We pride ourselves on being a nurturing school and the most important thing for us, as we know it is for you, is that your children are **safe and happy**. Only when children are feeling both of these, will they be receptive and ready to learn. This has been the mainstay of our reopening plan.

As of 9th June, the Government have announced that they have scrapped plans for a further reopening of schools, although they have left it to individual Headteachers to decide whether they feel they have capacity to take more children. This is a decision we do not take lightly. We are balancing at all times the safety, happiness and education of the children, as well as thinking about the health of our staff and parents. Throughout this pandemic, we have endeavoured to be as open and transparent with you all, speaking directly with those parents of children who have been eligible to come back and through a general poll a couple of weeks back with you all.

We have decided that we will explore reopening to more children from all year groups from June 29th and ask that if you are interested in sending your child back for this period that you email in to let us know. It is imperative that you do not 'just turn up' as we have to carefully plan Bubbles (hubs for the children to work in) and cannot exceed certain numbers dependent on room space. If you have a child in preschool, reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and answered 'maybe' to the poll or have changed your mind, you need to let us know via email as soon as possible. We need to be able to plan and ensure we are compliant in terms of our staffing, spaces and procedures. We will have limited spaces and cannot possibly open to the whole school with the current social distancing restrictions, but know from our most recent poll that many of you will not be sending your child back till September anyway.

Please be aware that we will, as per our published reopening plan, be closing on a Wednesday for staff preparation time (e-learning resources) and a deep clean. We will remain open for children of key workers though on this day to ensure they can continue to provide the amazing service they do for our communities.

Priority will be given in this order:

- 1) Children of Key workers
- 2) Children of Preschool, Reception, Year One and Six
- 3) All other year groups

Please do read our reopening plan and risk assessment. They are published on the school website and outline all that we will be doing differently in school. It is important that you have a clear picture of this and are as informed as possible in your choices. We ask also that you gently explain about social distancing to children and about the importance of washing their hands. We are endeavouring to keep hold of school life as we know it at Bromesberrow, but there will be some changes and rules that children need to be aware of and abide by.

Next steps- email us at admin@st-marys-bromesberrow.gloucs.sch.uk by this **Friday 12th June** stating whether your child will be coming back. We will then plan from this. If we do not get answers quickly from all parents it will inhibit planning and may prevent/delay additional reopening.

Best Wishes,

Laura Hankins and Sue Thornley
Mel Orgee (Chair of Governors)

