

St. Andrew's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I write following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday of a phased plan to beat the virus and provide a road map for re-opening society. This may lead to an easing of the restrictions that have been put in place to minimise the spread of COVID-19 in relation to schools.

I recognise that this has been a very stressful time for young people and their families. I know we are all looking forward to children returning to school when it is safe for this to happen. We will be following government guidance, as soon as it is released, to enable this. Our top priority is the safety of pupils, their families and school staff.

We are awaiting further advice from the Department for Education and we will need time to plan. We will work as quickly as we can to make the necessary arrangements. We will of course communicate these arrangements to parents as quickly as we can. To support us at this time, please try not to make contact about re-opening arrangements unless your enquiry is an urgent one. We will continue to welcome children of Key Workers and vulnerable pupils in line with national guidance, but capacity will be limited especially with more people returning to work. If you are classified as a Key Worker, have to return to work and have no alternative child care provision, then you will be required to complete a 'School Provision Application' which can be found on the school website (see 'Covid-19 Information' section).

Please be assured that we will do all we can to prepare for these revised guidelines and ensure you are all informed of developments.

In the meantime, please stay safe. None of this alters our determination to minimise the impact lockdown has on our children's education and emotional and physical wellbeing. As promised, our new learning platform, Class Dojo will go live next week for pupils in Years 1 to 6. You will receive an email within the next couple of days with a link to follow and relevant guidance will be published on our Facebook page and website.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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