



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 15th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all keeping fit and well and as positive as can be expected!

Before I let you know our plans for Post June 1st, please be aware that during the half term week (week commencing 25th May), we will not be setting work on Google Classrooms. There will be the usual ideas for activities, however, the daily maths, English... will not be happening. This is to give pupils (and parents!) a break. The setting of work each day will then restart on 01st June.

As it stands, I still have more questions than answers about where we will be in June. I am receiving daily updates from Dorset Council now and what is required of us is changing with each update. From Monday, all available staff will be in school preparing for the return of some of our pupils. Staff will continue this preparation throughout half term.

As was announced on Sunday, we are planning on our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils returning to school on June 1st (at the earliest). Alongside this, we will continue to support our Key Worker and Vulnerable children. A number of parents have informed me that their child(ren) will not be returning and I totally understand their reasons. Those parents who elect to not send their children in will not be fined or given warning letters (certainly as it stands and I can't see that changing).

Children returning to school will be in maximum groups of 15 pupils. They will be taught, where possible, in discrete classrooms and again where possible by the same staff. These groups will remain consistent but may have small changes. Learning will be carried outside where possible and pupils will come into school with clothes suitable for doing sporting activities in (not uniform unless you as a family wish). This will mean that all children will be able to come into school in clean/sanitised clothes each day.

We will have ample cleaning equipment in every learning area and pupils will be educated on the need for hygiene and in particular regular hand washing. Cleaning will not just happen at the end of the day but throughout the day. We will stagger drop off / pick up times and where possible have no contact between groups.

We are unsure, as yet, about the availability of hot school meals. Either way, pupils will not bring anything other than their coat and packed lunch in with them each day. We have started heating the pool, however, as it stands, guidance dictates that we will not be able to use it.

Despite our precautions, All Saints will remain a caring and loving place. We will not be wearing facemasks (apart from specific staff if any pupil/staff is showing symptoms of coronavirus); we will not be sticking to

the 2m separation within each group. Pupils will not be made to stand in squares/ on crosses and will be cared for – in the normal way – in the event of any medical, emotional or educational need: All the staff and I are adamant that this will be the case.

My one concern is when the government ask us to open up for other year groups. As it stands, we will not be able to maintain group sizes of 15 at this point. Whilst I hope this will not be the case, I may – at that stage – have to resort for pupils being in for part/alternative days: please be aware of this.

Remember, our library service for reading books and resources continues to operate.

Take care and keep safe.

Nigel Roberts
Headteacher