

Annie Lennard Primary School

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Thursday 21st May 2020

Dear Parents

I hope that you found the letter from Chris Ward (Sandwell's Director of Education, Skills and Employment) on Monday useful, especially the Q&A, hopefully it relieved some anxieties.

I would like to thank those of you who completed the survey I sent out last week. The feedback we have received has been extremely valuable in contributing to our plans and risk assessments. These however are still in draft, as you can imagine getting things right is imperative for the safety of the whole of the Annie Lennard Community. Again, thank you for your patience, as soon as I can I will share them with you. Please take assurance in the fact that I will not open until we have the best/ safest plan possible in place, site completely ready and any specialist equipment needed is on site, this may mean a delay in opening on June 1st.

Survey

I have created a survey specifically for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. I would ask that **all** parents of children in these year groups complete the survey by Sunday 24th May. This survey will give me definite numbers of who will be returning to school when we open, knowing these numbers is essential to complete the planning of reopening. If we get no response we will have to assume that you do not want your child to return to school. Please click on the relevant link below for your child.

Reception Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/receptionALS>

Year 1 Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Year1ALS>

Year 6

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Year6ALS>

Key Workers

At the start of lockdown, we ascertained who our key workers are. The vast majority of you had plans in place and did not need the service provided by school. However, as circumstances change over the coming weeks you may need the school key worker service. If you do need us then you must inform us and give us notice. Please do not just turn up as we might not be able to accommodate them. As numbers increase plans including staffing will need to be adapted.

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Things I can share so far

- We have rearranged classrooms so we can see how many children can be fitted in each room whilst still abiding to the 2m distancing rule. It's not the 15 the government has recommended. We can only fit between 8 and 10 comfortably in each room.



As you can see the classrooms look and do feel different, however all tables and chairs are 2m apart to abide by social distancing.



- Your child may not be with their friends or their class teacher due to the way we are having to organise the classrooms (we also need to consider that we have staff that cannot come back to school as they fall into extremely critical vulnerable/ critically vulnerable categories)
- We have lots of necessary items on order including PPE, cleaning equipment, barriers, thermometers, signage etc... (some have arrived and some cannot be delivered until early June)
- Each child will have their own equipment in year 1 and 6 to avoid the spread of any germs.
- We know that there will be no hot meals provided, only sandwiches will be available for universal infant meals (reception and Year 1) if required and will have to be ordered a week in advance. Those in receipt of the FSM meal voucher from the government will continue to get the voucher for the immediate future however they will have to send their child with a packed lunch if they come to school.
- A one-way system around the school grounds, clearly signed (pedestrian entrance will remain closed)

Half Term Holiday

Next week is half term therefore staff will not be setting work on the website. However, if you do want something we are directing you to use the Oak National Academy – they are putting special activities online as its half term

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/schedule/5/schedule>

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Now for some happier news

I thought I would end today's update with some happier news. On behalf of the whole of the Annie Lennard Family I am thrilled to be able to tell you that Mrs. Day (Reception Teacher) is expecting her first child. She is due to have her little bundle of joy in October. Congratulations Mrs Day and to her husband Mr Day.

Once again thank you for your continuous support, I will be in touch soon with more information.
Take care everybody, keep safe
Best Wishes
Mrs N Crozier

