

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families continue to be safe and well.

I was on lunchtime duty today and noticed a chalked sign on the tarmac 'Don't pop the bubbles' ! This made me chuckle as we have been floating around in our respective bubbles for weeks now.

But – we can pop the bubbles and make new ones from September!

The government announced last week that schools will be reopening from September 2020. There is detailed guidance, published 2.07.20 which needs some unpicking, but I can tell you the following:

- Every child will be welcomed back to school **FULL TIME**, five days a week, **from Thursday 3 September 2020**;
- Every child will be taught in a normal class of up to 30 children;
- Every child is expected to attend school and we will follow up absences;
- Every child will have a regular class teacher who will be supported by a teaching assistant;
- Every child will receive a broad and balanced curriculum; in other words, the full range of subjects.

This is what we **won't** be able to offer from September 2020;

- Breakfast club and after school club. We are hoping to get both up and running after a few weeks;
- After school activity clubs, known as Plus Clubs. These will not take place in the first half term, from September to October 2020;
- Parents and carers coming into the school site. The exception to this is Year 1, Chestnut and Willow, who will be able to drop their children off in the Key Stage 1 garden;
- School assemblies with the whole school present.

I am truly delighted that the whole school can return in September as we've had a highly unusual situation since March 20 when we first closed our school. It's been so lovely to have more children back over the last two weeks with high attendance every day.

Thank you to those of you who were worried but brought your child in anyway.

Thank you for keeping going with the home learning and sending in work.

Thank you to those of you who found time to do the recent governors' survey. This has provided invaluable feedback about this exceptional time.

I'll be in touch with specific practical detail when our plan is worked out. Our aim is for clarity and manageability!

Best wishes,
Liz Burton