

Returning to School Information – Summer Term

Autumn term 2020 - Update

St Mary's CE School



Dear Parents and Carers

This year has been unprecedented in terms of the impact of the Covid - 19 pandemic for our school and our community. I have been heartened by the way a large proportion of the children have been able to maintain some sense of normality, and tried to find a rhythm of learning which has ensured that the children have continued to learn in some form. We recognise that this has not been the case for some children and their families. It is our hope that we will do our very best to respond to the various learning gaps, resulting from Covid-19 as we return in the autumn term.

This year has been a significant time of change in terms of the way we have needed to provide learning and facilitate learning in your homes. I have been encouraged by the use of the school's infrastructures and ICT resources which has meant we have been able to communicate throughout this time. We have, of course, missed the children dearly and we have tried to do our best to provide as much face to face teaching as possible at the end of this term. This provision may not have totally suited your situation or have been as convenient as you would have liked, but we thank you for your understanding as we do our best to help the children return safely and appropriately within our resources and capacity.

We have all had to come to terms with the many missed opportunities we would have normally provided in school, but we have been delighted to see the wonderful experiences the children have had and shared with us over the past few months.



The end of term often sees families and staff changes and this year is no different despite the lockdown. We are delighted to announce that Mr Richardson will be joining us as a new member of the teaching staff and our new music lead. It is with mixed emotions that we will be saying goodbye to Miss White who is leaving us at the end of this academic year to take up a new post in the North East. Miss White has made a transforming influence on our school as a teacher and latterly as SENDCo. Her energy, professionalism and passion for teaching has had a significant impact on our children, staff and the school community. We wish her continued success in her new teaching role and we will do our utmost to sustain the changes she has brought to our school. She will be missed by us all. Mr Richardson will bring a new dynamic to our staff and we look forward to his creativity and energy when he joins us in September.



With the staffing changes, the recent pandemic and various other factors, we can also announce that we have made various necessary changes to our staff team. Importantly, we believe this will be to the benefit of the children's education as they return to school in autumn from a challenging time. The staffing structure is tabled at the end of this letter.

We are keen to end this term as best possible, giving our children an opportunity to return to school at some point this year. With this in mind we will be inviting our Year 5 children to return to school for the last few weeks of the summer. Like the other classes returning, this will be for two days per week. This will commence on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Details will be sent out very soon for the Year 5 families.

We also want to celebrate the end of term and find some point of closure for the other classes. This will give the children a chance to see their friends before the Summer break. With this in mind, we have made the decision to end the school term for the majority of children (Key workers and Y6,5, 1 and R) on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. In doing so we are going to invite **Year 2, 3 and 4** back on the following days:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July All Day 8:45 – 3:15pm – Year 4 – split into two classes (bubbles)**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July All Day 8:45 – 3:15pm – Year 3 – split into two classes (bubbles)**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July All Day 8:45 – 3:15pm – Year 2 – split into two classes (bubbles)**

During this time these classes will be broken up into two ‘bubbles’, in two different classrooms. This will be a superb opportunity to meet with friends, celebrate the year and say goodbye, concluding the year in a positive way. Letters will be coming out soon to detail the arrangements. We want, for those who wish too come back, a chance to return before they start their new class at some point in the Autumn Term. We hope this opportunity will be taken up by as many children as possible.

The above arrangements are our aspiration but we acknowledge that anything could change and we may need to respond to new guidance, staffing issues and/ or the safety advice at the time. Whilst we are working on initial plans to return in the autumn term, we are unable to confirm as yet what this will look like. It will be essential to get this right and to ensure the start of the year responds to the guidance and advice from the Local and National Government. Until this is clear we are not in a position to confirm what this will look like.

I can inform you that we will not be in a position to offer any provision over the usual Summer break. We will be using this time to prepare and be ready for the Autumn term.

If you are a parent whose child is in Year 6, we are aware that this is not the ending to Year 6 the children would have wished for. You can imagine that Mr Bromley and the Year 6 team are diligently doing their utmost to make this a positive time and ensure the transition is as smooth and fun as possible.

It is our hope that in the next few weeks we will be able to inform you of our plans for the end of term to celebrate this very special rite of passage from Primary to Secondary School.

**Summary of Planned Return Timetable:**

	June 1st	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	July 13 <sup>th</sup>
Key Workers	Full time					Last day 10 <sup>th</sup> July	
Year 6		2 days				Last day 10 <sup>th</sup> July	
Year R		2 days				Last day 10 <sup>th</sup> July	
Year 1			2 days			Last day 10 <sup>th</sup> July	
Year 5				2 days		Last day 10 <sup>th</sup> July	
Year 2,3,4							1 day

Due to the staffing demands of the Reception/Key worker provision we are unable to bring Nursery Class back until Autumn Term.

## Class Teachers for September 2020



### EYFS - Nursery

- Mrs D Winnard
- Mrs E Hutchinson



### EYFS - Reception

- Mrs A Day



### Infants - Year 1

- Mrs K Jamieson - Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs K Wadsworth



### Infants - Year 2

- Mr M Richardson
- Miss E Cook



### Juniors - Year 3

- Mr D Bromley - Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs L Gates



### Juniors - Year 4

- Mrs S Thomas
- Mrs S Neale



### Juniors - Year 5

- Mrs M Smith



### Juniors - Year 6

- Mr D Yates (Mrs Neale PPA)