



The Federation of Burrington and Wrighton Church Schools

Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to update you following the announcement of the Prime Minister on Sunday regarding the phased reopening of schools, possibly as soon as 1st June 2020.

The announcement has raised many questions. Currently we are working with a range of experts and seeking further advice from the DFE, Diocese and the Local Education Authority to ensure that reopening is undertaken safely. Education is important but, as a school, pupil and staff wellbeing has to be our highest priority.

What we know so far:

- We know you will have seen in the news that schools **may** reopen from 1 June to Reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils **if** the government thinks it's safe then to do so by meeting the relevant public health criteria.
- Schools in England currently remain closed for most pupils except for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children.
- Wrighton Primary has remained open to those identified children from across the Federation. We plan to continue this provision for those children in the **Federation** whose classes have not returned to school.
- There will be a maximum of 15 children in a group.

Surveying Parental views

In preparation for wider opening we will be consulting with parents and carers later today via a short **online survey** to capture your views and provide us with specific information required prior to opening. **We would be very grateful if you could return one survey for each of your children.** There will be **separate surveys** for Years Reception, 1 and 6 as well as one for the other year groups combined. As we need to use the information to create groups of children who are likely to be returning, we have asked you to include your name to assist us with planning (although you will not be held to this information as you may change your mind over time). I am aware there may be parents who would prefer for their child not to return to school in June. To reassure you, we have been told that parents will not be fined and schools will not be held to account if the offer to return to school is not taken up.

We don't know yet:

- When the government will confirm the date for the phased reopening of schools as it is dependent on public health criteria being met.
- How schools will operate in terms of the school day and classroom allocation to maintain safety recommendations; we are awaiting detailed advice on this.

- The exact health and safety measures that will be put in place although we are working on a range of procedures.
- How this affects key worker children although we anticipate key worker children in Y2-5 will be able to book places for provision. This is likely to remain at Wrington Primary for the Federation.

We are waiting for further clarification and guidance from the Department for Education. Once received, we will communicate this with you.

We are consulting with our Local Authority, the Diocese, other schools and external professional bodies to ensure all necessary steps are taken to provide a safe site for all.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like to share there will be an opportunity in the survey or you can email school.

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Please be assured that the safety of children, staff and parents, will be our primary concern in any plans to return to school. We are all wrestling with the Prime Minister's announcement and subsequent guidance documents so that our next steps to a phased reopening are both safe and successful for everyone.

Home learning and the half term holiday

We would like to thank you for your continued support in helping your child learn from home. We will continue to upload to the drop box our fortnightly themed home learning. The next fortnight includes half term, so children should only be following one week of English and Maths learning. We are aware some families might value some additional home learning activities for the holiday week so we have included a range of cross curricular activities in the grid but these are **optional**. For families who would prefer it to be a holiday, please select the activities for your child for the first week only.

Kindest regards,

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