



Sutton Oak Church of England Primary School

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Dear Reception Parents,

In response to the Government's plan to welcome more children back into school, we are making plans for the return of children in Reception from Monday 29th June.

At this present moment in time we will be unable to provide breakfast and after school sessions because we need to prevent the mixing of the groups. However, we will keep this under review.

We feel that before you decide on whether to send your child to school that you should have additional information.

In line with government advice, the following will be put in place when school reopens:

- Your child will be in a 'bubble' – a group of less than 15 children. Therefore, children will not necessarily be with their own teacher, nor will they necessarily be in their own classroom. Playtimes and lunchbreaks will also be in these separate 'bubbles';
- Your child will be provided with a packed lunch which may need to be eaten in the classroom
- The school day will start and end with staggered times and parents/carers will be expected to keep to the given times;
- Only one family member will be allowed on site each time when bringing children to school and when collecting and they will be expected to remain 2m apart from other parents;
- We would not expect your child to socially mix with children from other families outside of school. If they return to school, it will be on this understanding;
- Your child will not be allowed in if showing symptoms and will be sent home if they become symptomatic;
- The Government have indicated that there will be no penalty for not attending school if your child's class is welcomed back to school.

It is crucial that you ensure you familiarise yourself with the following document before responding.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

I would like to draw your attention to the following points in particular:

Clinically extremely vulnerable

For the safety of your child and your family, children who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should continue to shield and should not be expected to attend. Children





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and young people who live in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child or young person is able to understand and follow those instructions.

Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable)

These people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category. Children and young people who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable) as defined in the social distancing guidance and including those who are pregnant, can attend.

It is important I do get information from you now to enable us to plan the staffing requirements and organise the space. However, I recognise this is a difficult time and hope you understand the necessary restrictions and limitations we are working within. I also know the staggered time and wait time to come onto site could be challenging, however, we are working at how we can best manage this at present. When children do return, we will do all we can to reassure the children and help them to adjust to this new and unusual way of working and enjoy themselves whilst they are with us. We also look forward to the days when we can begin to operate in a way that we are all more familiar with.

In order to secure a place back at school please email with the following information no later than 10am on Wednesday 24th June. We are only accepting correspondence by email due to reduced staffing.

Child's Name _____ Contact number _____

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Williams

Headteacher

