



# St Brigid's C of E Primary School

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'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
Luke 10:27

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## School Update – Year 6 and Key Workers/Vulnerable Children bubbles

Following a further review of our risk assessments by the local authority today and updated guidance from Public Health England we are preparing to welcome Year 6 back to school on Monday. We are also increasing our provision for emergency child care for children of keyworkers and vulnerable children and we will have seven bubbles operating. This means that we will have be providing for 160 pupils and maintaining our online provision for the remainder of the school.

With increased numbers please make sure you drop your child off between 8.30am to 8.50am for children of keyworkers and vulnerable children. For Year 6 the drop off time is 8.55am to 9.05am. Where possible we ask that you try to arrive as close to these times as possible to avoid congregating outside the main entrance and maintaining social distancing.

## Opening for Reception

On Monday we will send a further survey to clarify numbers of Reception children wishing to return to school. At this stage, due to the number of children returning in Year 6 and the additional capacity required for Key Workers/Vulnerable children, we cannot fully accommodate all Reception children for the entire week. Therefore, we will implement a part time provision across the week which ensures that all children can be taught by their class teacher, in their own class. This will involve children being in school for either two days at the beginning of the week, or two days at the end of the week allowing for additional cleaning, midweek. Once we have the survey results we will contact you with details of allocated days.

## Online learning

The teachers have worked hard to establish the enhanced online learning. They have recorded a number of lessons in advance for the next few weeks. It has been great to receive positive feedback. This week we have increased the number of year groups (Year 3 to Year 6) using Google Meets. The teachers themselves have enjoyed seeing all the smiley faces of the children. For nearly all year groups this has been successful except for Year 4, where there were some technical difficulties due to updates being released on the day. Fingers crossed this will be sorted for next week.

## Capacity

If a large number of Reception children return next week, we will be at full capacity in terms of both staffing and building. To maintain provision even at this level I have employed the equivalent of two full time teachers and asked some teaching assistants to work additional hours. This also means that the return of Year 1 to school will be impossible with current social distancing rules as we have no more classrooms available. I wish the school had elastic walls but it doesn't. Over the next few weeks all the staff are being utilised in school to run classes or bubbles, but we will still be making time to engage and interact via the online platforms, to ensure we are supporting all of our children, as best we can.

Yours sincerely,

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