



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those of you who have contacted assistantadmin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk in order to inform us as to whether or not your child will be returning.

At this point in time, we are following government guidelines stringently and planning to open the school based on these. Please follow this link **and read the guidelines here.**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

At this point, and in these very early stages of planning, we have identified the following:

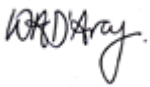
- Classes will be no more than 15 children
- All groups will be based in one classroom, with one member of staff (two where needed) and these groups will remain with these same staff members throughout the week. Please note, your child may not have their own class teacher
- In the classrooms, children will have an allocated seat and resources that only they use
- Drop off, collection, break times and lunchtimes will be staggered to minimise contact
- No parents will be allowed on site, but communication only via telephone or e-mail
- The playground will be zoned and children will play in the same area that they are allocated with the same toys to avoid cross contamination
- All groups will have their own entry and exits onto the school site
- We will only allow packed lunches so that when the weather is good, the children can sit outside.
- Regular cleaning of tables throughout the day
- The school will be cleaned daily
- Regular handwashing and use of sanitisers
- Windows open for ventilation
- Current guidance states that PPE is not required unless a child becomes unwell
- We have identified an isolation room should any child begin to show symptoms, in the event of this happening, staff member managing this will use PPE as per government guidance until the child is collected
- Children will learn about the importance of social distancing, 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- A focus on mental health and well-being will be at the forefront of learning
- We will not be following our normal school timetable and we are currently working on developing this

Regarding Y6 transition, we are waiting further information from the local secondary schools in order to understand what format this will take. We do not have any further information to date about this but will provide any updates once we have received them.

Please be mindful that this is a very early plan in order to meet the requirements set out by the government and are subject to change.

Therefore, in order to plan for this return, based on the **current guidance** we urgently need to know the numbers of children who will be returning on the 1st June so that the safety of staff and children can be managed effectively. Once you have made a decision about whether your child will or will not return, we will not be in position to react to any changes as this would impact on the safety of all involved. **Please email assistantadmin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk by 3pm Thursday 14th May 2020 with a yes or no decision.**

Yours sincerely



Wendy D'Arcy
Headteacher