



# St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome back to the final half of the summer term. I hope that you were able to have an enjoyable half term break. As we embark upon the next phase of this journey I write to update you on some of the changes that have been put in place at St. John's.

In line with the Government's roadmap, we have been able to open the school to more pupils this week. All children listed in the Government's priority category (key workers, vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils) have been invited to return. If you believe that your child fits into one of these categories, but you have not been contacted by the school, please get in touch with us.

Due to the success of the past two days we are pleased to report that we will also be inviting back Year 6 pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

In order to make this possible, we have had to split the children at school into six separate 'Bubble Groups' with a maximum capacity of 15 pupils in each group. Each bubble is supervised by a designated staff team made up of teachers and/ or teaching assistants. To help with social distancing and prevent groups congregating outside the school, we are utilising three entrances to the school.

School will be closed to all pupils every Friday in order to provide an opportunity for extra cleaning, meetings to take place and teachers to plan and prepare.

We will be reviewing the situation weekly and updating our risk assessments accordingly. In an ideal world, or just one not dominated by coronavirus, we would have space and staff capacity to invite the whole school community back. Unfortunately, this is not the case at this time. However, the situation, as you are aware, is changing daily. Please rest assured, as soon as we are able to invite more children back safely, we will do so. Watch this space for further updates!

For those families at home who continuing their stalwart roles as St. John's supply teachers; firstly, you are doing an incredible job, keep it up!! Secondly, you will be pleased to know, there will be no change to the remote learning and support that your children will receive. Teachers will continue to upload and comment on work as well as the weekly facilitated whole class Google meeting. However, please note, due to the changes above, the weekly meetings will now take place every Friday.

Please see the new times for your child's class meeting below.

## Fridays

- 10.00-10.30: **Reception and Year 1 and Year 2**
- 10.45-11.15: **Year 3 and Year 4**
- 11.30-12.00: **Year 5 and Year 6**

As always, I will continue to provide you with weekly updates on the progress of events at this time. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and words of encouragement. At this time, I cannot begin to explain how much it is appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tonnie Read

Interim Executive Headteacher

