



St Jude & St Paul's
Church of England Primary School

22nd May, 2020

Proposed reopening of school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 Pupils Only

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by offering a huge 'thank you' for supporting the school over recent weeks and for supporting your child with their home learning. We know it isn't always easy but we are all learning new ways to work during this pandemic. It has been good to speak to many of you either on the phone or in person when you have been coming into school to collect work.

Following the UK Government's announcement on May 10th that they would like to see a phased re-opening of primary schools for more children from June 1st, we have spent this time consulting with parents, staff, unions, governors and the Islington Local Authority and the London Diocesan Board for Schools.

We are in the process of completing an Islington model risk assessment and continue to carefully consider the latest government and Local Authority guidance. Nothing is risk-free, of course, and parents need to consider their own family circumstances before a decision is made about sending a child back to school.

Our proposed date to return to school is 8th June for Year 6 pupils with Reception and Year 1 pupils to follow. We will send parents and carers more detailed plans once they are firmly in place.

The school will only be open to children in Year 6, Year 1 and Reception, even if there are siblings in other year groups. Home learning will continue to be provided for all children who remain at home.

We will remain open as normal for children of critical workers and those most vulnerable following the half-term break.

Please understand that these plans may change in light of any new government guidance, or due to our own continuous review of safety, welfare and provision.

We understand that some parents have reservations about sending their children back to school and those reservations are completely understandable. At present, the government has said that 'parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time' when their child's class re-opens: we will support parents' decisions if they choose to keep their children at home during this time as long as we are able to do so.

Parents and carers may also find that other schools are operating differently. The Local Authority and London Diocesan Board for Schools have made it very clear that every school is different and decisions to open classes or not have to be made by each school based on the needs of their own settings.

We hope that we can continue to work together to ensure the best outcomes for our children and school community. We thank you for all your support of each other and the school.

Yours sincerely,

Adeola Oladejo
Headteacher