



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

4<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Reception and Year 1,

Arrangements for a phased return to school

Following the letter sent before the half-term break, we can now confirm the arrangements for Reception and Year 1 pupils returning to school on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**.

If you have returned to work and need your child(ren) to return to school earlier than 15<sup>th</sup> June, please let us know by contacting the school as soon as possible.

Our number one priority is the health and safety of our children, their families and our staff. We have been working hard to ensure that in line with government, Public Health and local authority advice, the return to school is as safe as possible. To do so, we will be changing some of the ways we operate as a school at present.

Some of the measures that will be in place to maintain a safe environment for welcoming your child:

- **Children must not attend school if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).**
- **Children should not attend school if they are unwell.**
- Parents will be asked not to enter the school building (apart from one adult at a time to visit the office area).
- All children will be allocated a 'bubble'. This will be a group of no more than 15 children - less if this is possible. Children in their bubbles will learn, play and eat together. They will have different play and lunch times from other bubbles/groups. They will have their own play equipment which will be regularly cleaned.
- Continued regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser.
- Extra cleaning of frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Providing staff training on PPE, rubbish disposal, mental health and well-being
- Staggered start and end times for different year groups (see below). Parents will be asked to maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting.
- We ask that children do not bring in toys and books from home.

So that we minimise contact between different bubbles/groups, unfortunately, we are unable to offer breakfast and after school provision at present.

Start and End of the Day

To help maintain social distancing during the busiest times of the school day, Reception and Year 1 pupils should **arrive between 8.50 and 9.10am**. The day will end for **Reception and Year 1 children at 3.10pm**.

Children should continue to wear school uniform to school. Please send your child in with a named water bottle as our shared water fountains in the playground will be out of use for safety.

On arrival, children will be met and welcomed at the main (red) school gates and helped by staff to their classrooms. At collection, children will be accompanied to the main gate to meet their parent/carer. On arrival and at collection, parents may need to form a queue at the main school gates and should follow social distancing guidelines. Staff will be present to support with this whilst we all learn the new routines.

### Class Set Up

Reception and Year 1 will be formed of smaller 'bubbles' or groups.

Mrs Meaker will lead the Reception bubble. The children will also be supported by Nurcan, Jill and Suwaya.

Janet and Diane Brown will lead the Year 1 bubble, under the direction and support of the senior leadership team. Ms Green, though absent at this time, will continue to plan learning activities for the class.

There will be no school trips taking place at present. We will endeavour to ensure that there is as rich a curriculum offer as possible with opportunities for outdoor learning.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you and the children once again. We recognise that some of you may have some concerns about your child returning to school and that for some children another change will be unsettling for them. We also understand that the past weeks will have been challenging for many families. If you would like to talk to us about your child and any concerns you have about their return to school, please, in the first instance, contact the school office to speak to a member of the senior leadership team.

If your child has an EHC Plan please contact Ms Batchelor, who will support you and your child with their return to school.

With thanks for your continued support at this time,

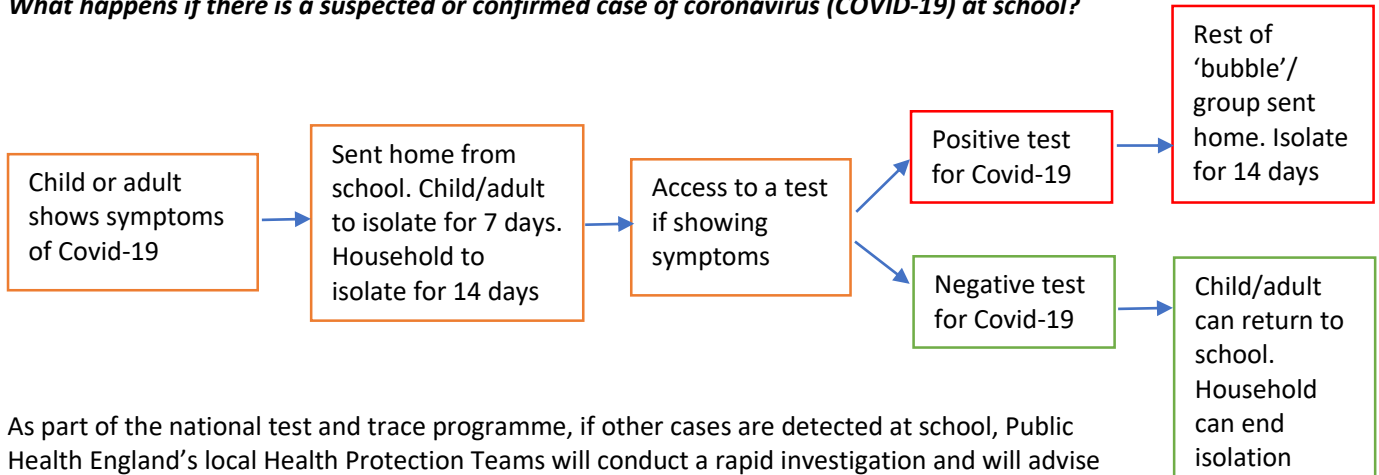
Adeola Oladejo, Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team

Some commonly asked questions:

**Is it compulsory that Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 return to school?**

Parents must make the decision that is best for their family and this may be different for every family. We will support families who choose not to send their children back to school at this time, as long as we are able to do so. Do contact us as we may be able to help or answer any further questions you have. We will continue to set home learning activities for children who remain at home.

**What happens if there is a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at school?**



As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected at school, Public Health England’s local Health Protection Teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise the school on the most appropriate action to take.

**Will free school meals and vouchers continue to be provided to children?**

For children attending school, they will receive free school meals at school. For eligible children who are not returning to school, we will continue to provide vouchers through the Edenred voucher system.

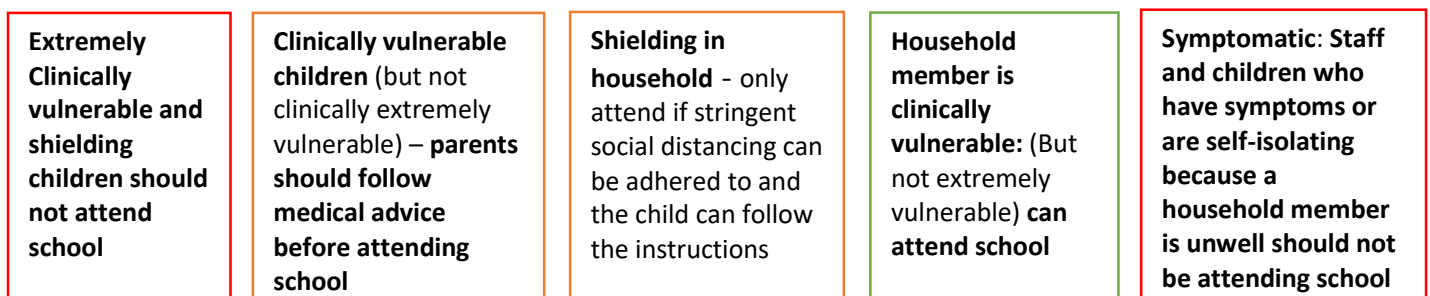
**How will I be able to communicate important messages to teachers and staff when I cannot meet with them?**

We ask that parents telephone (0207 254 5598) or email ([admin@sjsp.islington.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sjsp.islington.sch.uk)) the school in the first instance and the message will be passed on to the relevant staff member. Staff members will also be present to help parents and children at the main gate, but will not always be able to speak to parents at length in order to keep children moving and safe.

**Will the children be social distancing?**

There will be changes to the classroom layout which will allow for social distancing, particularly in KS2 classrooms when working at tables and when sitting and eating lunch. Social distancing will be difficult to manage for younger children throughout the day and all children during playtime may not social distance. We will continue with other measures as described to keep the children as safe as possible and minimise contact between different groups of children. Parents should make the best decision for their family when deciding to return to school.

**Should I keep my child at home if they have an underlying health condition or live with someone in a clinically vulnerable group?**



For more government information for parents and carers: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>