



BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, carers and children

We are so excited about welcoming everyone back to school tomorrow but wanted to just remind everyone of some of the really important changes to enable us to fully reopen. We will ensure that these measures are implemented as sensitively and gently as possible – we know that some children may be anxious about some of these new 'rules' but hopefully it will all feel 'normal' very quickly.

As I said in my letter in July, the children will now be in class bubbles which means that they will have different break-times and lunchtimes so that classes don't mix. The children will be required to stay in their classrooms during lesson times and use the external doors to enter and leave their classroom. Throughout the day the children will be regularly washing their hands and there is hand sanitiser in every classroom. Staff will however be socially distancing from each other and staying in their separate zones. There will be plenty of fresh air in the classrooms with windows open and for the older children their desks will be forward facing.

During lunchtime the children will eat in class groups in the hall whilst ensuring the 'bubbles' do not mix. This was really effective before the holidays so we are well prepared and have had lots of practice. Between 'sittings', which last from 11.45am – 1.30pm, the tables and seats will be disinfected thoroughly.

We do ask parents not to send their child to school if they are unwell in **any way**. If any child is displaying COVID symptoms we will call parents to come and collect them and they must be booked for a COVID test. We will then work alongside Public Health England if we have any positive cases. We are aware that the normal colds will still be around and will manage these in the usual way.

In my letter in July I did ask, if at all possible, children in KS2 could bring their own pencils and pens in a pencil case. Please don't worry if this is not possible – we have lots of supplies. One of the most important parts of our safe return is how families are interacting in the community and with each other. Our staggered start and finish times are designed to ensure we do not have parents congregating together in the carpark and that they can maintain social distancing.

Please arrive on time for drop off or collection times – we will however ensure that where there are siblings in different year groups those children can come into school to avoid parents having to wait. Please can just one parent/carer drop off and collect – again this will reduce the number of adults in the car park. We acknowledge that it is tempting for parents to stay and have a chat – it is, after all, a long time since you have all seen one another – but we do ask that this does not happen. We need to ensure that there is a steady flow and that parents and children are not gathering together. Whilst you are on the school premises please do continue to socially distance. Your help with this will be much appreciated.

When collecting your children, please note that a section along Broad Walk (between the junctions to Uplands and Beatrice Avenue) will be closed between 2.45pm and 3.15pm each day, except for buses. This is in order to follow social distancing guidelines and to improve the safety of students at Saltash Community School and the general public.

Drop off times:

Reception – 9.00am Year 1/2 - 8.50am Year 3/4 - 8.45am Year 5/6 – 8.40am

Collection times:

Reception – 3.00pm Year 1/2 – 3.05pm Year 3/4 – 3.15pm Year 5/6 – 3.20pm

Finally, we do ask that parents do not enter the school building. If you need to speak to a member of staff this can be arranged if you email Mrs Dunbar or ring first. Parents will be required to wear a facemask if they come into the foyer to speak to a member of staff.

We are so excited about seeing the children tomorrow and having fun together.

Best wishes

Sue Green