

Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Reopening the school to all year groups from 22nd June

On Tuesday, the government announced that they would no longer be expecting all primary schools to reopen to all year groups. Instead, schools will be allowed to make their own decisions based on the capacity each school has to expand provision.

At Newnham St Peter's, we have opted to reopen on a rota based system. Our plans for reopening have always been based on ensuring we have a safe way to expand our provision to all year groups. This will be on a part time basis only with all children attending for two days with the exception of key worker children who are able to attend full time if required.

We are fortunate that our building is designed in such a way that we are able to give each social bubble its own entrance and exit point to the school. Social bubbles do not meet during the school day and children only use the corridors if they are accessing the toilets, with each social bubble having its own cubicle and sink. We have a generous amount of land surrounding the school and this has enabled social bubbles to play in different areas and make the most of learning outside.

In order to keep the children and staff as safe as possible, the school looks and feels very different. However, in our first phase of reopening, we have been very impressed with how well the children have adapted to the new layout of classroom and new routines. All staff have commented on how lovely it has been to see the children in school and on how happy the children are to be back with us and to be able to see their friends again. Many thanks to all the parents who have fed back so positively about this first phase.

We will be opening up the school to all additional year groups from 22nd of June. We will be contacting all parents of children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 via email to see if you would like your child/ children to return. This will include a link to a form to complete. Please can you complete this form promptly as this really helps us with planning for the next phase.

There is no requirement for children to return to school and parents will not be penalized if they chose to keep their child at home during this period. Parents of children in Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have already received information about returning to school. Any parent of a child in these year groups who is not currently sending their child to school will need to give us a minimum of 48 hours notice if they would now like a place. Please note: we can no longer guarantee that we can offer you a choice of which end of the week.

The school's risk assessment, reopening plan and home school agreement are all available on the front page of the school's website. Please do read these as they will help to inform your decision. We require all parents and children to agree to the home school agreement before they return to school.

Best wishes,

Anne Nolan