



# St. John's Church of England Middle School

15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to provide further guidance as to our plans for re-opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

As you will be aware, the Government has asked schools to prepare for re-opening from 1<sup>st</sup> June at the earliest for primary aged children beginning with Year 6. At St John's we have been preparing for this and will welcome Year 6 back on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June**. This will allow a day for further cleaning and staff training as I am sure parents will appreciate the way we will be working will be entirely different to the way we were operating before the lock down.

Middle schools have been asked to go along with this even though clearly the national structure is generally two tier. I have enclosed a guide for parents giving the details on how we hope to achieve this. I would also add that the Government has set criteria nationally and will confirm to **schools closer to the date, as late as 48 hours before**, whether these have been met and therefore that they do want us to open from the 1<sup>st</sup> June. If this information changes during the half term week we will let parents know via the website and/or parentmail.

The school would be open to Year 6 children initially and to allow social distancing we will separate the year group into A and B **and so half the year group will be in at any one time** and the children will then work in "bubbles" with staff allocated to their bubble. This is intended to minimise the risk of infection across the school.

We will survey Year 6 parents next week allowing time for parents to read the documentation to gauge how many children will actually be coming in. Parents will then receive details confirming which group, A or B, their child is in and when they will start. There will also be a Q & A section on the website with more detail.

Provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable children will continue as normal.

Yours faithfully,

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