



St. Giles CE Primary School

Achieving Through Adventure

27th May 2020

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope you are able to enjoy some sunshine during the half term break. At school we are busy preparing for the return of some more pupils from 1st June, if that is what the Government announce on 28th May. This only applies to pupils in years R,1 and 6.

You may have heard on the local news that many schools in Derbyshire are not returning from 1st June, however at St Giles we are fortunate to have spacious classrooms which will enable us to open for those of you who have indicated that you definitely want a place. We need to ensure that we maintain enough spaces for our key worker children and our vulnerable children too.

It is for many people a difficult decision to make and a number of parents have asked us for some additional information, which we will do our best to provide. It's a tricky balance to strike between being honest with you about the guidance and the implications for our day to day work at school, whilst also wanting to maintain our caring environment which we all value so much.

If you do decide to send your children into school from 1st June onwards (for years R,1 and 6) getting them prepared by explaining how school will be different will really help with the transition from home to school. Reception and Year 1 will form one bubble of children, along with the Infant Key Worker children and both Class 1 and Class 2 rooms have been altered so that the tables are now separated and 2m apart. There are about 8 tables in the classroom with a chair at each, which will become a child's 'station'. The adults who will be with this bubble will also be from the Infants' team. Year 6 and the Junior children of Key Workers will form another bubble with Year 6 in their classroom, and the key workers in class 3. Again the desks are all at a 2m distance and would be the child's 'station' and work space. The adults in this bubble will be from the KS2 team.

The timetable will be slightly different too as we will be using the learning packs that are being used for home learning in the classroom. There will be a big focus on PSHE and ensuring the children feel secure and happy at school. We are also gathering a range of open ended activities that the children can really get involved in but at their table, for example they might have a science focus or a DT focus. We will also be using our fantastic school grounds as much as possible to carry out our lessons too, which if this lovely weather continues could be really great!

I have included some photos at the end of this letter to give an indication of how the classrooms now look.

If your child will **definitely** be in school next week, can you please confirm this by email with Mrs Bednall on enquiries@st-giles-matlock.derbyshire.sch.uk by **Friday of this week at the latest**. There are no staff in school this week so please do not telephone the school office. It may be possible to allow other children from the year groups R,1 and 6 in at a later date if that is required, but it will always be dependent on ensuring we have sufficient places for Key Worker and vulnerable children.

We have staggered the days next week when the children will return to school. From Monday 8th June, if we have reopened, school will be open from Monday to Thursday for children in years R, 1 and 6 and from Monday to Friday for children of key workers.

Here is a reminder of the timings for next week, please ensure you arrive promptly at drop off and collection times. Children do not need to wear their school uniform but must be dressed appropriately for indoor and outdoor activities. Shorts, t-shirts and trainers are ideal, please no flip flops.

Year 6 from Monday 1st June – arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am and collect at 3.15pm
Year 1 from Tuesday 2nd June – arrive between 9.00am and 9.15am and collect at 3.00pm
Year R from Wednesday 3rd June – arrive between 9.00am and 9.15am and collect at 3.00pm
Key workers from Monday 1st June – arrive as normal

Following medical advice I will continue to work from home so I am sorry I will not be able to see you in person for the next few weeks. I am remaining in constant contact with staff and Mrs Rogers will be in school every day. You can contact me anytime by emailing school or telephoning the office.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions at all and we will do our best to help.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the half term break and I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Foster
Executive Head Teacher

Class 3



Class 4



Class 1



Class 2

