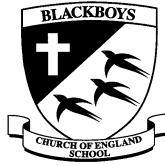


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15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our letter earlier in the week, we have now received further information from the DFE regarding the **proposed** phased opening of schools to more pupils (subject to a number of criteria being met). The guidance is very detailed and explicit and both headteachers are working on careful planning for each school which will follow. The headlines are:

From 1<sup>st</sup> June, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be welcomed back to school every day.

Both schools will continue to provide child care for children of critical workers, where families have no other way of looking after them and only on the days when they are working in their critical roles.

At the present time, Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 are expected to remain at home and 'home learning' will continue to be provided.

The Government is **anticipating** that all year groups will return to school, for at least the last 4 weeks of term, providing certain criteria are met but no further details have been supplied about how this would be possible or what the measures schools would need to ensure the safety of pupils and staff.

We wish to reassure families that our policies and practices are in keeping with Government guidance and there are several key ways by which we minimise the risk of infection.

1. Additional stringent hygiene protocols will be followed to maintain the highest standards of cleanliness in the school buildings.
2. Children will be expected to follow strict guidance on personal hygiene including frequent hand washing, the safe use of tissues etc and good hygiene behaviour will be strictly monitored.
3. Children will be kept in groups of no more than 15 children all day, these groups will remain the same every day and mixing between groups will not take place.
4. There will be staggered arrival times, lunch times and break times to allow for the above.
5. Children who become symptomatic, will immediately be isolated and sent home to follow the Governments advice on isolation.
6. Children who become symptomatic at home will not be allowed into school until the correct period of isolation has been observed or a negative Covid19 test result obtained.

7. If a positive test result comes back for any child or supervising adult, the whole cohort (up to 15 children) and supervising staff will then have to isolate at home for 14 days.
8. There will be careful management of resources (e.g. stationary, toys, PE equipment) to minimise the spread of infection.

We appreciate that you may have many questions regarding these arrangements that have not yet been answered. A guidance for Parents/Carers document has also been produced and can be found at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june) and I would strongly advise you to read this carefully.

Both headteachers will contact you separately with the detailed plans, including start and finish times etc and sections covering likely questions.

Once again, we are moving into a period of change and uncertainty and this is unsettling for all of us. I would like to reassure you that when plans are being made, the welfare of all members of our school community remain our absolute priority. Whether children are here at school or remain at home, we will endeavour to give them as much support as we can.

With Kind Regards

Mrs L Pestell  
Headteacher