

All Saints Primary School Weekly Parent Email

W/E 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all well.

This week, whilst managing the key workers' children, we have had all staff in work preparing for the return of some of our YR, Y1 and Y6 pupils. For those children who are coming in, unfortunately, things will not be as they were. Pupils will be working in discrete groups of no more than 15 and there will be 3 groups in total. In order to comply with expected practice, drop off and pick up times will be staggered as well as break and lunch times. Groups will have allocated areas i.e. class, toilets and outside, and have as little cross over of staff as possible.

Pupils in school will be completing the same Google Classroom work as they have been doing at home. Please be aware that because staff will be back in class full time, they may take a little longer to respond to questions and queries from those pupils working from home. I can assure you though that we will continue to monitor Google Classroom.

I still have no further information as to when or if any other pupils are returning to school. I do know that we will not be able to take any more pupils until guidelines for schools are relaxed slightly. At this stage, I urge you not to make any promises to your children about when school will return.

We are becoming more and more aware that some of our children (and indeed adults) are becoming increasingly anxious, emotional and even angry about this horrible position we find ourselves in. Many are saying that they 'wish things were back to normal'. Sarah Barnes (our pupil well-being lead) has asked me to share a couple of links that may help you manage some of these feelings. These are:

https://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-wellbeing-activities-for-teaching-staff-and-families.html

https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/

https://www.workingmums.co.uk/mental-health-and-children-during-long-term-lockdown/

If you require any support in dealing with mental health issues, please do get in touch.

Take care and stay safe.

Nigel Roberts Headteacher