



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your family are keeping well and are having a good half term.

Thank you again for your replies to our survey and questions you have emailed to us. I have endeavoured to answer these individually but if I have missed any then please accept my apologies.

We have detailed plans for re-opening and the Government will confirm in the next few days about schools re-opening. As a school we set clear principles for safely re-opening. We wanted to ensure that the children return to the classrooms that they are familiar with, with teaching staff that they have a relationship with and that they ultimately feel safe and secure. We also are mindful that we need to ensure we protect staff members and therefore we are able to staff the school in smaller teams and for them not to be in school every day.

Currently, we are expecting about 38% of our children to return to school across all three year groups. The breakdown is as follows:

- Reception – 8 children
- Year 1 – 12 children
- Year 6 – 14 children
- Key Worker/Vulnerable children – 7 children

We will therefore be returning on **Model A** which means the children are in full days Monday to Friday. This will be for the first two weeks.

We are currently planning for the following members of staff to support the children in each class. In each teaching team there is at least one member of staff the children know because they are either the class teacher or TA. *Please note not all staff will be in the class at the same time.

Reception	Year 1	Year 6	Key Worker/ Vulnerable children
Mrs Coffey Mrs Daly Mrs Green Mrs Long	Mrs Child Mrs Smith Mrs Unsworth Mrs Clark Mrs Bradley Mrs Smedley	Mrs Houlton Mrs Sawyer Mrs Archbold Mrs Knight	Miss Horton Miss Solomon Mrs Gambell Mr Smiley Mrs Clark Mr Affonso Mrs Staker Mrs Austin



Staggered timings

The school will be operating staggered opening and closing times along with staggered breaks and lunchtimes. Currently the plan is:

- 8.45 – 3.00 – Year 6, Key Worker and Vulnerable Children
- 9.00 – 2.30 – Reception
- 9.15 – 2.45 – Year 1

It is essential that parents socially distance at drop-off and pick-up by standing at least 2m apart with all children being welcome on the KS2 playground. We will be operating staggered drop-off and pick-up times and display posters etc. We will be operating **one parent** drop-off and pick-up and the parent **must accompany** their child. Brothers and sisters should avoid coming on site but where this is not possible they must remain with the parent.

It will not be possible to speak to the Class Teacher on collection or drop-off. Messages should be emailed to the office.

School Dinners

We have been working with Contract Dining Company to provide school dinners. CDC are proposing to provide packed lunches whilst the number of children remains low. We will be collect numbers by asking the children in the morning. Please remember Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a Universal Infant School Meal. Where the weather remains good the children will be picnicking on the field so please provide sun lotion and hats.

Breakfast/After-school Clubs

The school is planning not to provide breakfast club or after-school clubs. This is to limit potential contact between groups.

School Uniform

We feel that children should return to school wearing school uniform as this is normal for them but fully understand that they may have grown out of some clothing. Please do not specially buy any new clothing/school shoes but send them in something similarly appropriate. You will be notified of days when the children will be having PE and they will be able to come into school in sports kit.

Risk assessments

The school has worked on risk assessments and has published these on the website. These will be updated and reviewed regularly but we wanted parents and staff to feel reassured that comprehensive risk assessments have been undertaken.

We understand that different schools have approached planning to re-open in different ways and have based their decisions on their own situation. We have discussed plans with staff, Governors and LA to plan for a safe return. We fully understand children, parents and staff have their own anxieties and have tried to provide information to reassure you. We will take photos of the classroom and put them on the website but we have tried to keep things familiar for the children. We took the decision not to plaster the school with hazard tape because we feel this could be scary



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for the children and adults alike. We will definitely need to work as a community on Monday and going forward to get this right for our children. I certainly am looking forward to seeing you and the children and would like to sincerely thank you for all your support in this difficult time.

With warm wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely

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