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Dear Parents/ Carers,

### **Re-opening School- Parent/ Carer questionnaire Responses**

Please accept my apologies for contacting you over the weekend.

Late yesterday, I received information from the Local Authority advising schools that **by next week**, schools need to have '**final**' numbers of children who will be returning to school from 29<sup>th</sup> June. **Apologies for the very short notice.**

Many of you have already responded to the questionnaire with a firm 'yes' or 'no' answer, however many of you are understandably still unsure at this point. We are yet to receive Welsh Government guidance, which we are told, will be with us by Wednesday and this guidance will of course be strictly adhered to in St Mary's.

The following draft information discussed to date may assist with your decision-making. **Please note however, that all information is subject to conducting risk assessments in line with Welsh Government guidance.**

Please see below:

- **Children, parents and staff** will be expected to observe **social distancing**. This of course, will be more challenging and very difficult to manage for younger children (*as acknowledged by the LA and Welsh Government.*)
- Children will be grouped into '**year group bubbles**' of **up to 8 children** and will attend school on a **rota basis**. There will be **no 'mixing' with children from other 'bubbles'** and no gatherings, assemblies etc.
- Provision **will continue** for key-workers children, as per provision since Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Key workers children will **remain in their own 'bubble/s'** as per provision since Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. **i.e. they will not be placed in a bubble with children from their year group.**
- **Frequent hand washing will be enforced and monitored at regular intervals** during the day, before coming into school and before leaving the site.
- **Frequent cleaning** of the school and resources will take place **during and at the end** of the school day.
- There will be **staggered drop off and pick up times. Parents must be on time for both drop – off and collection.**
- Children will be required to **wear PE kit** and NOT school uniform.



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- Children **may/may not be working with their own teacher** within their 'bubble'.
- Home learning is **likely to 'look different'** from what has been in place.
- It is **unlikely** that we will be able to open Cool Kids' Club to additional children other than the 'Key workers' bubbles'.
- The **purpose of re-opening school is for 'check in' and catch up' sessions. Schools are not expected** to deliver the curriculum.
- **School transport is available** for those who are already eligible. *Please contact school if your child will be travelling on the school bus...*
- **No one with COVID symptoms will be allowed in school** and anyone displaying symptoms will be 'quarantined' until collected and taken off-site.
- In line with current Public Health Wales guidance, **neither children nor staff will be expected to wear masks/ PPE other than to administer First Aid/ intimate care for a child.**

I have tried to answer as many of your queries/ concerns as possible with the information I have to date. I am sure that you have many other questions. As previously mentioned, the above information is subject to change when we receive the Welsh Government guidance.

It is an extremely difficult decision for all parents. As both a Headteacher and as a parent, I share your concerns, worries and anxieties. All I can do on behalf of the staff and governors, is to offer my assurance that as always, we will do our very best to safeguard everyone within our school family, following the local authority and government guidance. Sadly, I cannot give you any guarantee that there will be no incidences of Coronavirus in our school. The decision to allow your child to return to school before the end of the summer term is for each family to decide for themselves.

**Very important:** Please note, I need all firm responses from parents by 9:00am on Monday 8th June in order that school can organise rotas for each year group in line with risk assessments conducted. *After this point, we will be unable to accept any further children as this would affect the accuracy and validity of the risk assessments.*

Therefore, if you have not already completed the questionnaire for each child, **please do so as soon as possible and please identify either 'YES' or 'NO' as your response.** If you have already submitted an 'UNSURE' response, please complete an additional survey and respond 'YES' or 'NO' or you may respond via Seesaw or by emailing the school with a 'YES' or 'NO' response.

Thank you so much for your on-going support. This is an extremely challenging time for us in school and I ask for your continued prayers and patience.

Take care and stay safe.

Kindest regards,

Mrs R F Acton

Headteacher