



5th June 2020

Letter 10- Reopening St Stephen's for Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery Pupils

Dear parents/carers,

I wanted to keep you up to date with the latest information regarding School opening.

Children will return in a staggered way and we have made the necessary plans to ensure that our school is safe for our children, families and staff.

- **Year 6 and Nursery will be able to return to school on Monday 8th June**
- **Year R will be able to return to school on Monday 15th June**
- **Year 1 will be able to return to school on Monday 22nd June**
- **Key children can continue to attend**
- **Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will return to school following government guidance**

We will be operating slightly different timings for collection at the end of the day. We would ask you to be prompt with timings to maintain social distancing.

Please note:

- You will be asked to line up along Whitfield Road at 2m distances at the beginning and end of the day.
- Only one adult family member will be allowed at any time
- There will be a one way system in place

	Arrival time	Collection time
Year 6 and key children	8.45am	3.15pm
Nursery	8.45am	2.00pm
Reception	8.45am	2.30pm
Year 1	8.45am	3.00pm

However we must inform you that for the time being attending St Stephen's will not be as it was. We feel that before you decide on whether to send your child to school that you have this additional information.

The following precautions have been put into place:

- Limited class sizes



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- The children will be in the same group of children throughout the day.
- Your child may be with another member of staff and not their regular teacher
- Increased frequency of hand washing
- Enhanced cleaning will take place every day after pupils and staff have left
- Disinfectants, wipes and sprays will be in every classroom to enable cleaning at different times of the day.
- Facemasks will not be worn by either pupils or members of staff except in the case of a child becoming unwell at school.

Throughout the school, social distancing will be encouraged where possible. EYFS will be encouraged to play minimal contact games, although preventing contact entirely will be impossible and would affect the pupils' wellbeing.

Other considerations:

- Children to only bring a sun hat and a water bottle to school
- Normal school uniform. Where pupils have outgrown items of clothing we will be accommodating of alternatives that most closely match the school uniform.
- No face to face teacher meetings will take place. Contact the office if you need to speak to a teacher.
- We will ask you to collect your child should they display any of the symptoms, so please be available to collect them promptly.
- Please keep children at home if they are unwell, or have a cough, or have a sore throat, or have loss of smell and taste.
- There will be no breakfast club or wraparound.

We all need to work together in the best interests of all. I appreciate and value your patience and belief in the school.

I want to reassure you that we are not going to be pressuring anyone to send their child to school. There will be no fine for non attendance. The decision is a very personal one for you and your family.

As always if you have any specific concerns or worries please get in touch via email at mark.little@st-stephens.newham.sch.uk who will direct your email to the appropriate member of staff.

Keep safe and take care.

Yours sincerely,

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