



St White's Primary School

Challenge, Commit, Conquer and Celebrate



Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers or EYFS, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Workers

Thank you so much for supporting the school at this very difficult time, and for bearing with us as we try to organise an orderly and safe return to school for all stakeholders. Like you, we want everything to go back to normal, or the 'new normal' as soon as possible; we are very keen to get the children back into school as quickly and safely as we can.

Following my letter yesterday, the government have issued further guidance. The school is now asked to actively encourage parents of vulnerable children and key workers to return full time to school, rather than only attending school when parents are working and alternative childcare is not available. This involves our initial plans changing to include all those who are entitled to attend.

As there may well potentially be a lot more children returning to school, we are now working hard re-writing our plans for how to manage these numbers safely. I can reassure you that we are still planning to implement all the safeguarding advice outlined in our previous letter, sent yesterday, as keeping all stakeholders as safe as possible is our priority.

In order to plan effectively, it will be very helpful to know whether or not you are planning to send your child/ren back to school in the week beginning 1st June. Please would you email your intention to admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk. In your reply, please let us know the name and year group of your child/ren and state either that they will be returning to school, or if they are not returning. As the government advice is that we encourage your children to return to school, it would be really helpful to us if you shared your reasoning if you have decided not to return your child/ren to school.

For those parents who decide not to send their children back to school on 1st June, we ask you to please keep us informed about your intentions, letting us know as soon as you can if you change your mind. We will have to manage the numbers of children in school on a weekly basis, so if you decide at a later date that you do want to send your child/ren back to school, please let us know at the latest by the Wednesday of the week before that they will return the following Monday.

Thank you again for your support during this time of transition. Be assured that we are doing everything possible to ensure that we keep your children safe and attend to their physical and mental wellbeing as well as their academic needs as we plan to reintegrate them into their school lives.

Kind regards

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