



22nd May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family are well and finding a way through these continued strange times that we find ourselves in. This week we saw national “Thank a Teacher Day” and we were delighted that our teachers received praise and thanks for what they have been doing. It has meant a lot and given us all a boost so thank you for your kind words and support.

We have been working together with our partner schools and Trust team to analyse all of the guidance and requirements and can share some of the plans for the gradual reopening from **Wednesday 3rd June**. We remind you that these are subject to change once the Prime Minister makes his speech on 28th May and it is still possible that the opening will not go ahead.

If we no longer believe that we can open safely due to changes in government guidance, our Board will reserve the right to not open the school, despite any government announcements.

I have listed the measures we have taken which respond to the risk assessment and DfE guidance.

1. **Closed Monday 1st June and Tuesday 2nd June.** This is a change to what we told you on the 15th of May. To enable us to put the training and risk assessment actions in place we must close for two days.

2. **Who We Are Open To and When**

The risk assessment and staffing allows us to open for these groups

- Children of Key Workers; EHCP & Vulnerable Children
- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 6

In order to ensure that we all use the site safely, we need to phase the days that each group starts

Week 1 commencing June 1st

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday a.m.
Closed	Closed	Children of Key Workers; EHCP & Vulnerable Children Plus Year 1	As yesterday plus Year 6	As yesterday plus Reception



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We will review this constantly and inform you if we need to reduce or increase the number of pupils we can have in school. I understand that this may not meet your expectation of how we should open but our decisions are based on the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and staff.

3. **Closed Fridays at 12pm.** In order to deep clean and prepare learning for both pupils in school and home learning for those children not in school we must close each Friday at 12pm. We are unable to provide the planning time (PPA) that staff are entitled to during the week because adults cannot safely cover other pods. Closing is the safest option for your child.

4. **After School and Breakfast Club.** We do not have the staff to be able to run this provision safely at this time.

5. **Lunches.** We will provide a packed lunch for any child who is eligible for Free School Meals or is in YR, Y1 or Y2. We cannot safely offer hot dinners at this time and ask children to bring a packed lunch to school if they would normally buy a hot dinner.

6. **Changes to Circumstances.** Because we have not been in school, we will not be aware if any circumstances have changed for your child. Please let us know, via the school office on June 1st and June 2nd, if there are any changes or anything affecting the health or welfare of your child.

There will be further information that we need to give you and we will write to you before Wednesday 3rd June with further details, including:

- What to bring to school.
- How the entry and exit system will work and what you need to do as a parent.
- Your child's start time and collection time.
- Which Pod your child is who their adult will be.
- Which classroom your child needs to go to.
- How we would like you to 'socially distance' and keep us all safe.

It is going to look and feel different for us all but we will be there to guide you and show you where to go and how this will all work.

We have prepared a parent friendly copy of the risk assessment so that you can make informed decisions which has been emailed along with this letter.

Once again, thank you for the kindness that you have shown the team and each other during this past half term. I have been so proud to be part of a community that has come together to help and support each other. I can honestly say that every kind word that you have shared has meant a huge amount to the team.

This next half term will feel changeable as we respond to government announcements. We understand that this can make it difficult to balance work and family life so we will always aim to be transparent and provide information as soon as we can. So now, more than ever, we thank you for your patience and understanding.



The school has remained open for key workers for the past 9 weeks and our decision to close for half term means we can get the school and staff ready for the next phase. The commitment of all the staff has been incredible and I want to thank them and thank you for what you are doing for your children and our community at this time. Enjoy the half term and the bank holiday weekend but most importantly stay safe and look after each other.

Mrs Edwards

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Head of All Saints Marsh C of E Academy.