



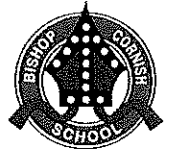
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Dear Parents and Carers

Pre-empting the news that the government were going to ease the rules on social distancing from 2m to 1m+ we have been looking at practical ways of welcoming more children back to school before the end of the school year. It is clear that, even with the relaxation in social distancing, we will not be able to accommodate all the children back at the same time given the size of our classrooms and circulation areas and the government would need to lift the cap of a maximum of 15 children in each 'bubble' in order for us to do this successfully.

We are, however, looking at creative ways of being able to do our very best to see the children before we break up for the summer holidays.

The purpose of this letter is to ascertain parental views on sending their child/ren back to school for just a few days before the end of term, providing we can still meet the new, awaited guidelines. We want to explore a way of ensuring the children see their friends (I know this is so important for them), their class teacher and their classrooms so we can be reunited in school. We will still need to arrange classrooms in such a way that the children are apart, the groups are of the correct size and that they stay in class bubbles but, as we do at the moment, we want it to feel as normal as possible.

If we can find a way of facilitating this we will need to continue to stagger start and finish times for each class to stop adult groups and children leaving the premises gathering, as well as stagger break-times and lunch-times. We will also need to risk assess the availability of handwashing facilities, as we currently limit the number of children able to enter the wash areas. It is important to stress that we cannot eliminate all risks and the safety of the children (and their families) and staff (and families) are of paramount importance but we want to explore all possibilities even if it is children in school for a small part of the week before we break for the summer holidays.

Please can you let us know your thoughts on the following:

Would you want your children to return to school before the end of term?

Would you be supportive of a 'rota' of children in school so that we could welcome more children?

Please respond to the enquiries@bishop-cornish.cornwall.sch.uk email address.

Only once we have seen the revised guidance, and have an indication of numbers, can we look at detailed planning and see if this will be possible. I know that many of you were so disappointed when the government dropped its plans for more children to return to school on the 1st July for safety reasons and I do not want to raise expectations, but we do want to do our very best for everyone.

On a really positive note, the government has indicated that all primary school children will be able to return in September – this is really exciting but as I said earlier we are still awaiting the detailed guidance.

Every best wish


Mrs SC Green

Headteacher