



BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V. A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, carers and children

We hope everyone had a restful half term, despite the weather. It has been lovely to return this week with a promise of warmth and sunshine!

As you will have heard in the Government briefing held last night, schools have been given the 'green-light' to re-open for all pupils on Monday 8th March. We are all keen to see the children back in school but for some of you we know that this may cause some anxiety.

In school, our disinfecting regime will continue as before along with lots of regular handwashing. The children will continue to work in their class bubbles and not mix with other classes at break-time and lunchtime.

We will need to continue to stagger our start and finish times in order to reduce the possibility of households mixing in the carpark. We do ask for everyone's cooperation in this respect – we ask that social distancing is maintained at all times on school grounds and that children only mix with others who are part of their '**child care or support bubble.**' This means that children should not be collected by different households.

Our start times will be as follows:

**Key Stage 2 classes – 8.40– 8.45 am. Children can go straight to their classrooms.
Reception and KS1 – 8.45 – 8.50am. If a child has a sibling in KS2 they will be able to enter the classroom from 8.40am.**

It is really important that children arrive at school promptly – this will help us settle the children back into a routine and allow for activities in the morning to ease children into their learning. **All children must be in school by 8.50am.** Your help with this will be much appreciated.

The end of the day arrangements will be slightly different as they are a little more complex. We are extremely keen to ensure that the children have as much time in school as possible therefore the following times will be the new staggered finishes:

Reception – 3.10pm

Year 1 and 2 – 3.15pm

Year 3 and 4 – 3.20pm

Year 5 and 6 – 3.25pm

If younger children have siblings in the older year groups we will, as we did previously, bring them out of class to ensure there aren't too many groups waiting. This has worked well since September. We do ask that you arrive to collect your child/ren at the allotted time – not early and not late! Thank you. Please enter the school carpark through the small gate and exit through the large gate to ensure social distancing at all times.

Everyone has made so many sacrifices over the last few months and it has been a really difficult time. Our thanks to those who tackled remote learning at home and those who used blended learning, working remotely with their child some of the week and in school only when needed. All of this has made such a difference.

Our priority for the children, upon their return, will be to assess their learning and allow them to be with their friends. We will be looking at key priorities from the curriculum and focusing on those initially. There has been lots of talk in the media about children catching-up lost time but, to reassure parents, we were amazed by the progress the children made in the autumn term. They returned with new enthusiasm for all things 'school related.' As we said in the past, these events have made many of us appreciate the things that we have sometimes taken for granted.

The procedures for testing and trace, self-isolating if symptomatic and if a member of the household tests positive remain firmly in place. We therefore ask that any child who is unwell is kept at home and if a family member has been tested for COVID-19 children stay at home until results are known.

If you require Breakfast Club (7.45am) and/or After School Club (4.30pm/5.15pm/6pm finish), please email Mrs Dunbar (secretary@bishop-cornish.cornwall.sch.uk) with your requirements.

The next few weeks will see us all take tentative steps back to 'normal.' It is important that at all stages we take time to appreciate what is being asked of us and that we take collective responsibility for a safer future for everyone. All the staff have worked tirelessly since September and we look forward to seeing the children together again in a few weeks.

Thank you, once again, for all your endeavours. Spring is around the corner with all the hope and joy that this will bring – warmer weather, more daylight and the chance to meet up with family and friends.

Every blessing

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Green". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Sue Green
Headteacher