

Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

A LETTER FOR PARENTS IN YEAR SIX
POTENTIAL RE-OPENING OF ST. ANDREW'S 1st June 2020

Following my letter dated Friday 15th May, I am now writing to you to update all parents and carers on our preparations for re-opening St. Andrew's for all children in Year Six.

However, please note that this date is subject to change and will depend on our country meeting the 5 tests as set out by the Government. It could be 1st June 2020 or it could be later.

Firstly, may I say thank you to all parents who have taken the time to discuss their thoughts with our senior leaders about the partial re-opening of our school. We now have a good idea of how many children to expect back and we have made our plans accordingly.

From 1st June we will be operating 5 classes at St. Andrew's. The classes will be Reception Class, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Worker Class D and Key Worker Class E. Please note that children may not be in their usual classroom or with their usual teacher.

For YEAR SIX:

- **School starts at 9.30am**
- **School ends at 3.30pm on Monday to Thursday**
- **School ends at 1pm on Friday**
- **All breaks and lunchtime will be staggered to aid social distancing**
- **Parents must use the GRANTHAM ROAD ENTRANCE and EXIT by the portacabin.**

Please read the guidance for parents for further information.

Attendance at School

As I stated in my previous letter, ***if you have made the decision not to send your child in to school at this stage then this is not a problem.*** No parent will be fined or criticised for their decision and we will continue to support each child with a programme of home learning.

However, we respectfully request that you support us by not changing your mind at this stage. If you have already informed us that your child will not be returning to school on 1st June then please stick to this decision. We will contact you again shortly to ask if you have changed your mind. ***Please do not just send your child to school. If we are not expecting your child you will be asked to return home until we can make the provision and space required to get your child back in to school safely.***

The reason that we ask for your co-operation in this matter is that we have made careful plans to accommodate the expected number of children, just one or two unexpected attendees may result in class sizes increasing above the recommended limit as set out by the Government.

For those children who will be joining us on 1st June, our school will be a very different place. We have had to re-think our classroom layouts. Our classes have been stripped back to enable thorough cleaning procedures. Our children will be working in small groups of no more than 15, they will not be permitted to sit together or share resources and they will be expected to work individually, as far as possible, to implement social distancing measures.

The reason for such drastic measures are to control any risk of infection. However, I would like to be totally honest with all of you and to make it clear that, even with social distancing measures in place and major changes to our daily routines, I cannot 100% guarantee that our children will adhere to our Government guidelines for social distancing. We will try our very best, however, they are children. They will be excited about being back in school and seeing their friends and they will want to play together.

In preparation for your child's return to school it would be very helpful if you could discuss these changes with them and reassure them that this situation will not last forever. Once they are back in school we will continue to relay this message and to help our children settle.

Guidance for Parents

Along with this letter I have prepared guidance for parents and children returning to school. Please read this guidance carefully as there are several key pieces of information for you to digest including expectations regarding school uniform, communication, drop-off and collection routines. Please do not hesitate to contact us via email at admin@standrewsce.lambeth.sch.uk should you have any questions.

Guidance for parents can be found [HERE](#).

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your words of kindness and gratitude over the past two months. It has been greatly appreciated and has really kept us going in these difficult times.

I will continue to keep you updated as and when necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Jayne Mitchell
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