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Learning Together, in God's Love

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Dear Parents / Carers

As you know, we are now ready to open our school to the rest of Reception Class and Y1 under the latest government guidance and we are so looking forward to welcoming your children back to school next week.

The Reception pupils and Y1 pupils returning on Monday 29th June will be in the Gold and Orange PODs, one of the PODs will be based in the current Y1 classroom (which is adjacent to the Reception Class). The PODs will be led by Mrs Millington, Mrs West and Miss Bevan (for the reception children Miss Harper will be on the playground Monday morning as a friendly face to welcome your child back into school too). Each POD will remain with the same pupils and adults for the week. Pupils will be allocated a desk to work at and their own pack of equipment.

Pupils will be in school Monday to Thursday all day. On Fridays, pupils will need to be collected from school please at 12 – 12.15pm this is so we can provide teachers with their planning, preparation and assessment time that they legally have to have.

Timetables

Our mornings will be Maths and English as usual and then the other subjects will be taught in the afternoon where possible outside. There will be playtimes in the mornings and afternoons but children will play in allocated play areas outside within their PODS. There will be daily worship within each POD.

Social Distancing on entry and exit of school

Please be responsible for your child's social distancing. We would ask that from now on one adult only drops off and collects their child from school to reduce the number of people on our site. We are asking all parents to walk up the road into school on the pavement (not through the church yard). If I can ask you please to wait patiently if there is a queue along the path into school, there will be 2 metre marks to guide families if there is a queue. There is a line along the road in and out of school to help parents stay on the left hand side. Parents can bring their child to school anytime between 8.30 – 9.15am. Please choose a time that suits you. Parents will be asked to leave their child at the main gate and your child will go into their class entrance and POD independently. The main gate will be manned by Bishop Martin Staff. Staff will be on duty to help children settle into this new routine next week.

When collecting, parents can collect their child any time between 3.15am – 4pm. Again we ask if you can please queue along the path into school at 2 metre intervals and we will message the POD and your child will come out to you. You may be asked to stand to the side to wait for your child to come out, again please make sure you stand 2 metres apart from other adults waiting. When exiting school please walk on the road to the left hand side (to stay as far as part as possible from the parents who might be queuing on the pavement to collect their child).



Please do not stop to chat to other parents in the road as that makes it difficult for others to socially distance. Unfortunately there will be no after school clubs or breakfast club as children must remain in the same POD all day.

Senior leaders will be on duty to embed these routines early next week.

Important points for Monday:

- All children need a labelled water bottle which they will take home each night to clean and refill please.
- Children need a labelled PE bag with a PE kit (also labelled with child's name) including trainers which can be kept in school all week on your child's allocated peg and taken home on a Friday.
- Children will need to bring an additional pair of shoes (labelled with their name) to wear when in school, they will change into these when they arrive at school.
- Children can bring in a packed lunch or order a school lunch as usual. Please order your school lunch with Jo via j.richardson@ldst.org.uk Children will be remaining in PODs to eat lunch. Lunchtimes will be staggered. We suggest that any packed lunches are put in disposable bags so that your child does not need to bring any items from school back into your home.
- Children will be wearing school uniform but will need trainers and PE kit as timetables now include 30 minute daily PE activity (e.g. Joe Wicks type activity).
- Children do not need their reading bags for now as we need to limit where possible items coming into school.
- If your child needs medicine, we will email the medicine form for you to fill in electronically. To request a medical form please e-mail Debbie on d.pearce@ldst.org.uk
- For any other admin requests we ask for now if you could please avoid visiting the office and instead e-mail or phone the school office.

I have included attached to this email the visual poster that again might help support children on their return. Also attached is a social story (pdf) which you might want to share with your child if they are remaining at home.

There are lots of things that will remain the same when children will return, pupils who have already returned have settled well to the new routines and are enjoying being back at school. As staff we are really looking forward to returning to teaching more children face to face (albeit 2 metre social distancing).

If you have any specific questions regarding Monday opening please e-mail homelearning.bishopmartin@ldst.org.uk and I will respond as soon as I can.

Best wishes

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Executive Headteacher



