



Deanery C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope you and your families are keeping well. I would like to give you an update in relation to the phased re-opening of school from Monday 15th June 2020.

As you will hopefully be aware, whilst following government guidelines and their wish for a wider opening of schools, Deanery have been able to open to all year groups, for children of critical workers and for children in reception and nursery. Children expecting to return to school next week will have already received communication and personal invitations.

We have had a high volume of requests for children to return and in most cases we have been able to accommodate families that have requested a place. As you will know, the re-opening has been done in line with our Risk Assessment and class sizes are much smaller as we re-open in Bubbles.

I recognise that over the coming weeks more families maybe requested to return to work and it is possible that you may require a place at school for your child/children.

Due to high demand there will already be certain Bubbles that are at full capacity and it is now essential that we operate a Waiting List. In order to be fair to all, the Governing Body have agreed a set of Key Principles on how we will assess all future requests. These are laid out below.

- For children in nursery and reception - critical worker children take priority
- Children in years 6,5,4,3,2 and 1, available for critical worker children only
- Individual class capacity will determine availability
- Children will be allocated places in their academic year group only
- Children are to reside with the critical worker parent
- Any requests will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis

If you wish to be considered for a place and your child is either in Nursery, Reception or you are a Critical Worker, I request that you email enquiries@deanery.bham.sch.uk

Over the last 10 weeks, or so, Deanery have remained open to children of key workers and have provided a happy, safe and secure environment for our children. In addition, teachers have provided a wealth of online learning for all children whilst they are away from school and working from home as well as undertaking fortnightly phone calls and answering learning queries through the contact emails. As we welcome more children back to school, we are ever mindful of those who are unable to return and are planning opportunities for children to see each other via ZOOM. To this end, we do require parental consent to be completed for children to attend. To access the consent survey:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y4FijllNeEyqFgtjlf3WwZGfyfKqXldLsVuYQxAw95NUQ0dTRIBZNTk3RjVFTU5YQjBGVzE4V0VSQS4u> (if you have already completed this - thank you)

As we return to school, I request that the governments guidance on social distancing and mixing with others through 'support bubbles' is adhered to for the benefit of all of our community. One adult should accompany a child/siblings to be transferred to a teachers care at the beginning of the day and all children should be collected by an adult at the end of the school day.

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During these times it is essential that we are able to contact parents and therefore would request that any change of contact details are communicated to us.

Parents, we thank you for your lovely comments of support and appreciation for all that we have provided as a school during these uncertain times. We would also like to say a massive thank you to you, who have done a fabulous job, keeping up to date with the children's learning and managing a different way of life.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our staff, teachers, office and site staff, catering, support staff and cleaners who have adapted with short notice to different working patterns and have maintained contact and communication with our school community; keeping the school running, providing lunches for our children, preparing a clean, safe site for our children to return.

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