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## Church of the Ascension

### C.E. Primary School

13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: - Return to school, September 2020.

On the school website I have placed a document headed "September 2020 Returning to School Protocol and Procedures." It is a fairly substantial read, but outlines the measures that we will be taking in order to reduce the risk of infection within the school.

The headlines of the plan are as follows:

- The school will re-open to all pupils on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**
- The school will not be closing for a half day in order to facilitate teachers PPA time, this will be managed internally
- The kitchens will be re-opening, however in the first instance we will only be providing grab bags as we wish to embed our new lunchtime routines into place before we offer hot food. It is our intention to offer hot food as soon as possible. Meals should be booked online using the normal arrangements.
- We will continue to use a "soft start" to the school day between 8:30 and 8:50, generally children will separate from their carer at their allocated school gate and go straight into school via their allotted door. **Please do not be late for the start of morning school.**
- At the end of the day there will be a staggered finish time, broadly this will be 3:00 for Reception, 3:10 for Y1 and Y2 and 3:20 for Y3 -6 (except 5M which will be 3:10). Parents will be permitted to wait at their child's class collection point on the playground (4C and 4B will be on New St). Please socially distance whilst waiting for your child. A separate document will be available to show how dismissal arrangements will work.
- OSCAR club will function again, children will be kept within a bubble linked to their year group, but it will not be possible for OSCAR to run using a model based upon the 11 class bubbles. Instead children will be grouped in Rec, Y1 / 2, Y3/4 and Y5 /6. Food choices may be limited for OSCAR.
- Please do not try to enter the school building unless you have an appointment, contact with teachers should be through email if possible.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for the many kind words of support that we have received during the last four months. It has been very strange for all of us and although it will be wonderful to have everybody back in September, this will not be without its challenges. Please bear with us as we try to establish new systems and ways of doing things and please take time to read the full re-opening plan that is on the website.

Yours sincerely,

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