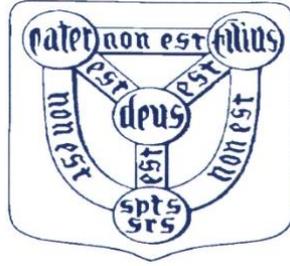


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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3rd June 2020

Reception Year Group – Re-Opening – Information and Expectations

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience regarding the challenges of re-opening of the wider school. As detailed in our previous letter sent to all parents on the 27th May, the decision to open up places for Reception children from Monday 8th June would be communicated to parents today.

The safety of your child/ren and our staff remains foremost in our planning and the letter dated 27th May 2020 details the many protective measures that are in place to reduce the risk and transmission of coronavirus and to ensure that everyone takes as much care as possible to avoid groups of children, parents and staff coming into contact with each other.

Please read the information carefully in the letter dated 27th May 2020 as the decision whether to send your child to school at this time is yours alone. We recognise that you know your child/ren best, and there are many factors which will influence your decision. It remains a parent's duty to ensure that their child/ren receives a suitable education during this period in whatever way they can. The Government have temporarily disapplied the attendance regulations for pupils which means parents can be reassured that keeping their child/ren out of school during this period will not result in them being penalised.

As previously explained, this a continually evolving situation and our plans will be provisional and subject to change.

We will keep you updated with any changes on a weekly basis. Our intention is to open places for Year One children from Monday 15th June. This decision will be made on Wednesday 10th June and communicated to parents.

Our plan however from Monday 8th June is detailed below:

The school will continue to offer full-time places to Critical Workers and Vulnerable children. These children will continue to be taught in two separate groups (a 'younger bubble' and an 'older bubble'.)

We have carefully considered staffing and physical space, alongside our comprehensive risk assessment, and as a result the school is able to offer part-time places for Reception children on a Wednesday and Thursday only. These sessions will start at 9.15am and finish at 2.30pm. This is comparable to other schools, locally and nationally, of a similar size and demographic.

Please note the following two points:

In accordance with national guidance, pupils who are already in the Critical Worker and Vulnerable children bubbles will currently remain in these bubbles and will not be able to move to the Reception bubble (if they are in that year group).

Secondly, if a member of staff becomes ill and is not able to attend work then the school may have to close the bubble at short notice. This decision will be made early in the morning (unless the member of staff falls ill during the day) and communicated to parents via email. Please be sure to check your emails regularly throughout the day as this will be our main means of contact.

If your child is in Reception and you would like them to attend school, please complete the attached 'Reception Year Group Form' and email it to the School Office by 12noon tomorrow (Thursday 4th June.)

Once again, we understand that this is quite an unsettling time for us all, but please be assured that we are doing our utmost to make measured decisions for the following week based on current Government guidelines and OCC advice. If you have any further questions, then please contact the school and we will do our best to try and provide you with answers.

With many thanks for your support and best wishes to you all.

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