

ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

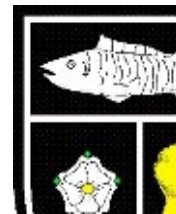
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Thursday 14th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that the government outlined its Covid-19 recovery strategy earlier this week. As part of this strategy it set out an intention to begin a wider opening of schools, beginning with pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We have been asked to prepare for this, and for increased numbers of pupils who are classed as vulnerable (with a social worker or and Education, Health and Care Plan) or who are the children of key workers to attend school.

The government's position is that we may be able, from the week commencing 1 June 2020, to open schools to more children. This will only be done if five key tests set by government justify the changes at the time, including that the rate of infection with the virus is decreasing. Hence it is not certain that Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils will be able to return to school at that stage and, if they do, what the arrangements for this will be.

The previous requirement for vulnerable children and children of key workers to remain at home if at all possible has now been removed and we need to manage any increase in children coming to school as a result.

You will also have heard that, if a wider opening takes place, schools will work with smaller class sizes and implement social distancing arrangements. To prepare for the possible wider opening of the school, we need to know how many pupils are likely to attend so that we can make the necessary arrangements. These will include non-classroom issues like school meals, arrival times and arrangements for drop off and pick up of children.

To help us with our preparation and planning we would like all parents/carers to complete the short questionnaire which follows this letter and to return it school by 9.00 AM on Monday, 18 May (this can also be done via email: office@elvingtonprimary.org.uk). The government has provided information about children's attendance at school under its plan:

- *No one with Covid-19 symptoms should attend for any reason.*
- *Eligible children – including priority groups – are strongly encouraged to attend, unless they are self-isolating or they are clinically vulnerable (in which case they should follow medical advice).*
- *If someone in their household is extremely clinically vulnerable, they should only attend if stringent social distancing can be managed at home.*
- *Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.*

We will provide you with full information about our arrangements as soon as possible. This may be after the government makes a firm decision on the date for wider opening of schools.

If you require any further information at this stage, please contact me via email: head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk.

This letter will be distributed to the parents/carers of all children who attend maintained schools within the City of York Council local authority.

"I have come in order that you may have life – life in all its fullness." John 10:10

Preparation for wider opening of schools

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 complete this section:

My child (or children) in these year groups will return to school:

Reception: YES NO Child's name:.....

Year 1: YES NO Child's name:.....

Year 6 YES NO Child's name:.....

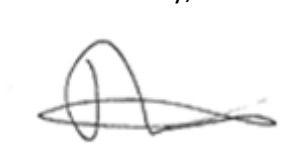
Vulnerable pupils or children of key workers in other year groups:

My child (or children) will require a place in school:

Child's name:..... Year group.....

Child's name:..... Year group.....

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Andrew BATTERY