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14th May 2020

Dear Parents

RE: POTENTIAL OPENING OF SCHOOL FOR NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 6

I am writing to ask if you intend to send your child to school from the 1st June 2020, should school open for specific year groups (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 6).

We are considering a number of options, all of which prioritise the safety of pupils, staff and members of the school community. We continue to face many challenges but will not compromise on achieving the best outcomes for our children within safety guidelines.

In order to achieve a safe and workable solution, the school day will be very different with the following practical arrangements in place:

- Children will be organised into small classes of no more than 10 and will remain with their class for the duration of the phased return
- Drop off and pick up times will be staggered and entry and exit from the school will be based on a one way system. Details will be shared nearer the time.
- Morning break and lunch will be at different times and children will not have the opportunity to play freely, as the playground will be divided into zones
- Movement around the school will be restricted to one way systems and children will have specific entrances to use to access and leave the building
- Pathways will be marked out in intervals of 2 metres, to support social distancing
- All queries relating to the Nursery, Infant and Junior school, will be dealt with at the junior office, with only one parent in the reception area, at a time.

School may not be full time, owing to current restrictions and varying factors. I hope to share details with you shortly and would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire on the google form link in this letter. Please do reply as soon as soon as possible.

This is not the ideal way we would have chosen to welcome our children back, but it is imperative that we implement these measures to minimise risks and keep everyone safe.

I appreciate this is an anxious time and the children will be desperate to see their friends, to learn and play together. We are here to support them, but please do remind them that we will need to enforce social distancing for everyone's health and safety.

The curriculum will focus on supporting your child's wellbeing and preparing them for the transition to the next stage of their learning journey. We will be teaching core subjects of English and Maths and ensuring gaps in learning are addressed, so that age-related skills are secure. However, a big part of the curriculum will be dedicated to emotional wellbeing. It is important for the children to have some time to discuss the impact of the Coronavirus on their lives and that of others.

We look forward to seeing the children again but ask that you prepare them for the fact that school will be different. Children will be allowed to wear their own clothes, which will need to be comfortable and suitable for exercise.

Staff are committed to making this a positive learning experience and we are here to support you and your child through this crisis. Thank you for your good wishes and positive comments. It has been a challenging time, but please be assured that the wellbeing and safety of your child is central to everything we do.

Please click on the attached google form below as soon as possible to record your preference.

<https://forms.gle/mRWEMPvXauTquicD9>

Alternatively, you can email me at head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

Take care and do contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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