

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an unprecedented and difficult year for us all. St Bede's has remained open since day one of the lockdown. We have offered a safe and secure place for our key workers children each and every day – including school holidays and national bank holidays. We have provided four large work packs for each of your children and a comprehensive online work programme for you to follow.

Your engagement and support has been invaluable we would like to thank all our parents and carers who have supported their children with their learning and have remained in contact with school. It has been a tricky time for you all.

We are delighted to have the vast majority of reception, year 6 and year 1 children already back with us. They have been engaging with a full timetable.

School will be open to all children from September and school will once again become compulsory for all children. We can't wait to see school full again with children. We have missed their chatter, laughter and their smiles.

We do not underestimate the scale of challenge ahead of us. The guidance for full opening is complex and lengthy. But be assured, we have exercised a comprehensive risk assessments, good judgement and a healthy dose of common sense and because of that, St Bede's is able to accommodate all children safely in key stage and year group bubbles. Over the holidays we will post on all of our social media platforms information about the arrangements we have made for the children to return. School will reopen to pupils on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020. Below are the key points :

- Children will be taught in year group bubbles, they will not mix with other classes closely. A key stage bubble will be created for lunch times and assemblies.
- Breakfast club will resume in mid to late September, you will be notified of the reopening in early September. For the first few weeks of term, there will be no breakfast club. Please contact school if this is going to cause you significant difficulties.
- PE will be outside as much as possible. We will be encouraging children to bring a track suit for PE once the weather becomes colder.
- Lunchtime will be staggered over a two hour period, to ensure no mixing of class bubbles in the hall or playgrounds.

- Where possible, try to make an appointment to see you're your child's class teacher or myself. We encourage phone appointments, if possible.
- Children will be getting a hot meal and we will be moving away from the packed lunch option once the weather turns colder.
- You will be encouraged to follow the queuing system in school and one way systems that we have had in place since early June.
- School will open at 8.45 -8.55. The end of the day will be 3.10. Year 6 will enter school via the hall doors. We will stagger the classes' entry and exit to avoid congestion. No loitering on the playgrounds will be permitted.
- The free school meal voucher scheme will continue over the summer for those that are entitled. We will be sending the vouchers to you once they are released.
- Our fourth comprehensive work pack HAS been collected by 90% of you. Along with them your child received a good bye letter from their previous teacher, a welcome letter from their new teacher, a small gift, their annual school report, and free item of uniform. Please collect these items from the front entrance by Thursday – if you have not already done so.

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It's going to be a huge task ahead of us. We need to work close gaps in their learning and help the children get back into a much needed routine. We have no doubt you will support us fully in this and your children will do their very best.

In the meantime, have a lovely summer, stay safe and well. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will see you all again soon.

With very kindest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernadette Rizzi-Allan', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mrs Rizzi-Allan.

