

## ST LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 16th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware last week, the Government stated that it was no longer possible for the majority of schools to bring back the remaining year groups full-time before September. This is due to the children being taught in much smaller groups and many schools do not have the classrooms and staff available to accommodate the number of bubbles required if all children returned. At our school, we have now welcomed children from Year 6, Year 1 and Reception (as directed by the Government) and the children and staff are becoming used to this new way of working.

Yesterday, the Government announced that schools, can welcome more children back if they have the capacity to do so in terms of both staff and space. Unfortunately, we are not able to welcome all remaining year groups back full-time as this is the current situation at St Luke's:

- All of Year 6 and Year 5 staff are involved in the Year 6 bubbles as the children are split across the Year 5 & 6 classrooms.
- All of Year 1 staff are involved in the Year 1 bubbles.
- All of Reception staff are involved in the Reception bubbles.
- All of Year 4 & some Year 3 staff are involved in the Key Worker bubbles.

Therefore, in the first instance due to space and staff availability, we are going to invite **Year 2** children back to school. Unfortunately, until we know how many parents wish for their Year 2 child to attend, we are not sure what the provision for Year 2 will look like. I apologise for the lack of clarity but as you can imagine, we cannot organise how this will work before we have parents responses.

Following receipt of this letter, we ask that all Year 2 parents complete the online form or call school as soon as possible. The deadline for informing school is 12:00 midday tomorrow (Wednesday 17th June 2020). We understand that this is a very short timescale but we need to know numbers in order to plan and organise so that we can share our next steps.

**Year 2 parents only** to respond via this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=n-nwrUuRD0WALH XTtX2CvLGalyobM5Figg24zKIf9dUMjZTODA2REdMOFJTTDhWVFk3QUg0WEROTi4u

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Parents who choose to keep their children at home or do not respond by tomorrow's deadline, will not have a place allocated for their child in a bubble this term. However, we will continue to provide Home Learning on the school website.

For those parents of children in the other year groups, I understand that this may be disappointing news for you but please be aware that we are continually looking to see what we can also provide for our children in years 3, 4 and 5 in terms of some face-face sessions before the end of term. Ultimately, due to the Government's recommendations of how schools are to be organised in these unprecedented times, we cannot physically accommodate all children full-time as this moment.

Thank you, as always, for all your support throughout this time, we really appreciate it.

God bless, take care and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

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