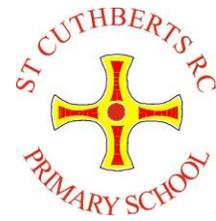


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27<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have managed to have some form of 'break' after what has been a very stressful and difficult few months for everyone. As we return to what will be the 'new norm,' we are looking forward to welcoming our children back to school. We are expecting all children in Year 1- Year 6 back in school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 (please note the staggered start times). Prior to the holidays, Reception children received their own separate communication informing them of a transition day their child should attend (between the 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> September) week whilst Nursery will be conducting their transition visits that could not take place prior to the summer holidays that week. All Nursery and Reception children will be expected to return back to school formally from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Due to current government restrictions and the safety measures we have had to put in place, this does mean the school and the routines children follow will be different from when we left us prior to lockdown. We will need your child/children and yourselves to follow certain rules and procedures to help us to try to maintain a safe environment and we hope you will support us in ensuring this happens. For this reason we have created a booklet 'Returning to school in September 2020' to inform hopefully alleviate any concerns you have about your child/children returning to school. All our plans for opening to all children have been created through a detailed risk assessment that has assessed the premises and provision and is in line with the government advice for reopening of schools to all children. **We have done everything within our power to minimise the risks in school but there is no guarantee that the school will be able to remain infection free.**

Please read the booklet carefully, even if your child was attending school prior to the holidays, as there are new rules and procedures that parents must be familiar with in order that we can all work together to minimise risks and try and keep everyone as safe as possible. I know some of these may seem strange or extreme but they have been put in place for the safety of your children, our staff, yourselves and our school families. I can assure you that as a school, all staff will be trying their best to provide a smooth transition back to school after such prolonged absence for many children. Thank you so much for all your continued support in this unprecedented time.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Steele  
Acting Head Teacher

