



Sutton in Craven C.E (V.C) Primary School
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Re: wider opening of schools for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We know you will have seen on the news on Thursday evening that schools have now being given the go ahead to re-open for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as the government considers it safe to do so. Having received many different updates and guidance from the government over the last week, which are still continuing to come through, we have collated a detailed risk assessment to prepare for the implementation of wider re opening. Previously, we have shared with you our conditional plan for our phased reopening and, as you can imagine, there has been a huge amount of planning and organisation behind the scenes to ensure that the safety of all our children, staff and wider community which has been paramount in all decisions we have made.

We would like to thank you for getting back to us about your intentions to send your child back to school. Based on the information that has come through to us, we have now managed to put much firmer plans in place for the reopening of Sutton CE School. However, as previously mentioned, we are still awaiting more guidance to finalise our risk assessment which has to be shared and approved with governors and staff. To give time for this to happen and for systems and protocols to be put into place in school we will not begin our phased reopening until Monday 8th June.

We will continue to provide childcare for children of critical and key workers.

We know and understand that this is far from an ideal situation, particularly when you, as parents/carers, are trying to return to work and get back to some sort of normality. From the responses you have sent and the numbers of children that wish to return and current staffing arrangements, we have decided to place both Reception and Year 1 together in one bubble. We will, wherever possible, be flexible with the resources we have in school and will try to increase the amount of days for different bubbles. We will do this in a timely fashion and communicate this clearly with parents/carers.

Please see the table below for our amended plan going forward.

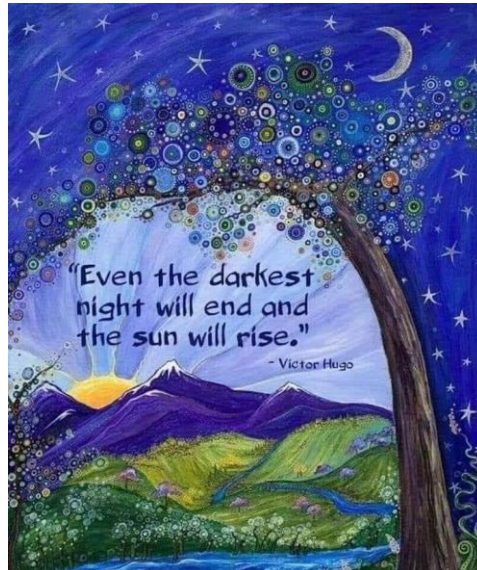


Bubbles	Date	Days to attend
Key workers	Monday 1 st June	Full time
Year 6	Monday 8 th June	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Closed on Friday for deep cleaning
Reception and Year 1	Monday 15 th June	Monday and Tuesday only

Please note and be mindful that as time goes on and as new guidance and information comes through from Central Government, the Local Authority and Public Health England plans may need to be revisited, amended and potentially changed to suit the safety risks and the growing needs of you, our families. As a school we have done our best to put together a comprehensive plan that will support a sustained approach for children to return to school in a slow, phased and safe manner.

We understand that this is a very unsettling time for us all, but be assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure that we are ready to safely receive any children who are returning. We will continue to keep you updated with all our preparations for making school as safe as possible.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child/children with their home learning. If your child/children are to remain at home, we will continue to offer any help and support that is needed. Please do continue to stay in touch with us about how your child/children are getting on. It is the pictures, the learning and the updates that really do keep us all going – we love being a part of all those wow moments you are sharing at home. We have been overwhelmed by the positive attitudes of our children and their families, and are extremely proud of you all.



With very best wishes, stay safe,

Orla Gibbons

Mrs Orla Gibbons
Headteacher

