

St Matthew's Primary School
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Dear Year 6 Parents and carers

YEAR 6 RETURN TO SCHOOL

I hope you and your families are well.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we formalised the plans for our Year 6 children to return to school.

I am very happy to say that having met with the Governing Board this evening, and having worked through all of the Government guidance, I can confirm that Year 6 pupils are invited to return to school from **MONDAY 15th JUNE 2020**. This is a change from our original suggested date. This date is in line with medical research from The Independent SAGE group (published on 28/5/2020) that suggests a delay until June 15th could reduce the risk of children contracting the virus by as much as 50%.

We have thought long and hard about how we can best meet the health, safety and wellbeing needs of both pupils and staff. I am sure you can appreciate that the planning, changes to school routines, procedures and risk assessments have had to be the most thorough they can possibly be, to minimise risk to all. The delay until **Monday 15th June** allows us to ensure that **all** staff are fully trained in all new procedures and allows us to communicate details to you and the children in a step-by-step way.

Thank you to all parents that have informed us whether your child will be returning or not. As I have said previously, the Government has made it very clear that this is **your** decision and that you **are** allowed to keep your child at home at this time. Those parents that are unsure, we will contact you next week for your final decision.

Children returning will have no more than 15 in a bubble, with at least 2 adults. Although we will be expecting and encouraging all children and staff to socially distance, you need to be aware that this cannot be guaranteed at all times. Children obviously find this very difficult and naturally want to be closer than this.

Over the next few days we will be in contact to explain more details about how the return to Year 6 will work. Please look out for updates.

Once again, the Governing Board, Senior Leadership Team and I would like to offer thanks for your ongoing understanding and patience.

Yours sincerely

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