



Roehampton Church School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from my email last week, I now am able to give you some more details of how RCS will approach the Governments wider opening and phased return requests.

- **School will be open on Tuesday 2nd June for vulnerable children and children of Keyworkers as normal.**

In addition to this:

- **School is planning on opening on Tuesday 2nd June for YEAR 1 ONLY.**

(Please be aware that if the Government advice changes then our plan may change as well. I will of course let you know as soon as I know!)

We will inform parents and carers of children in the other classes as soon as possible concerning the date when these classes will be invited back. I will write separately to year 1 parents and carers with more detailed instruction on how the return to school will work.

This has been an extremely difficult time for all of us and I thank you for all your continuing support. Any return to school that takes place will be done in a phased manner as the safety of the children and the staff is our paramount concern. This will remain our priority throughout the process and as such will make what we can offer very different to school that we all know and love. I am so sorry that this will be the case but we cannot take any risks with safety.

When the children are invited back into school after half term on Tuesday 2nd June:

- School will be open Mon-Fri for keyworker children
- School will be open **Mon-Weds only** for other pupils. We do not have the resources to offer full time education for the children given the criteria we have to work with. As guidance changes this may also change.
- There will be a maximum number of children we can have back in school at any one time. If we exceed this amount, we will operate a rota system.
- Each class of children will be split into two smaller bubbles.
- These bubbles will remain independent and will not mix.





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- Each bubble will have its own teacher and support staff. We will try to make the staff as consistent as possible.
- We will not be serving any hot food.
- Packed lunches will be eaten in the classroom.
- Home learning will continue to be provided for those children who do not have the option to come into school. **Children invited back to school will no longer have home learning provided. It is the parent / carers responsibility to provide this.**
- Your child will have their temperature taken every day before they enter school.
- Some of the school staff will be wearing PPE – a facemask and gloves.
- We will do whatever we can to keep sensible distance between the children but cannot promise to keep the 2m guidance in place for the children.

I will be writing the parents / carers of the classes invited back to school to arrange drop off and collection timings along with other more detailed instructions.

We are closed next week to ALL children so we can prepare for opening on Tuesday 2nd June. Monday 1st June is an INSET day.

I am immensely proud of our staff team that have worked tirelessly to keep our school open for certain families and provide high quality learning for all the other children. As we enter the next phase of this unprecedented time, I am conscious that I must remind everyone again that things may change as the Government advice and guidance is not consistent and changing frequently.

I wish you all a peaceful half term and look forward to seeing our Keyworker children AND YEAR 1 children only back at school on TUESDAY 2ND JUNE.

Very best wishes,

Richard Woodfin
Headteacher

