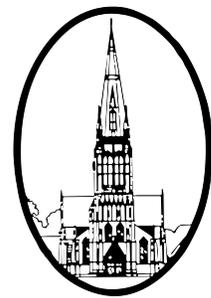


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*"St Mary's... feeding the mind, body and spirit
so we can be the best we can be."*

5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our thoughts have been with you all over the past couple of weeks, hoping that you and your families are happy, safe and well. We are writing to update you on St Mary's plans for reopening school.

As you know things seem to be moving swiftly with regular changes both for schools and the world outside as we move towards a new normal! The challenges are immense and our work for preparing for the wider reopening of St Mary's continues. Each school is its own community and therefore has unique factors that impact on planning for reopening.

Much work has been done over the past couple of weeks including thorough risk assessments of all aspects of school. Collaboratively with St Mary's governing board we have decided that to ensure a smooth start to our return, we should spend another week preparing for the children. Therefore **we will not be opening to more children on 8th June as originally proposed**. We understand that some of you may be disappointed but safety has to be our driver and as communicated in previous letters, there was always a risk that the dates proposed would be amended.

St Mary's will open on the week beginning **Monday 15th June** to pupils in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**. For the families that have told us that they would like their children to return, we will be in touch next week with the final details. If your child is in one of these year groups and you have changed your mind since we last contacted you and would now like your child to return, please get in touch on Monday at the latest so we can add your child to an appropriate 'bubble'. All parents of children returning to school will have to agree to the revised home school agreement before their child returns to school. We have attached a copy for your reference.



It has been an exciting week as we opened St Mary's school to Key Worker children and has brought some much needed normality to our lives, seeing children in school again and greeting parents at the gate. We look forward to welcoming more families from 15th June.

For those working at home, we are looking at how we can further improve our current system and hope to be able to tell you more about that next week.

Kind regards and best wishes for a nice weekend.

Jane O'Brien
Headteacher

Katie Chubb
Chair of Governors

