

‘Living, Loving, Learning’

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Dear Parents/Carers

Once again, we hope that you and your families are keeping safe during these difficult times. I would like to thank you for your support during this crisis. We have been overwhelmed with your kindness and also your concerns for our staff- even though you obviously have many worries of your own. School is not what it was, but as you are aware, there are plans from the government to return to some sort of normality in the near future.

In his latest announcement, Boris Johnson stated that he wanted Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6 to return to school- if the science says conditions are right for this. The announcement caused lots of confusion and also raised many questions for both us as a school and also yourselves as parents/carers. The planned date for the partial return is 1st June.

Since the announcement, there has been limited guidance from the government about how schools should potentially prepare for this return date. We have been poring over the guidance in great detail and making initial plans as to how children could begin to return. Governors have been extremely supportive and they too will be looking at how members of the school community can return in an environment which is as safe as it can possibly be.

We have been following all government guidelines with the staff, children and parents who have been present in school during the lockdown period and this experience will help us when planning for the potential return of a greater number of pupils and the challenges that this will obviously bring. We will continue to follow guidance from both the government and also the local authority who meet regularly with Headteachers to discuss the implementation of the guidance we are given.

We have much to consider in the coming weeks regarding the return, such as class sizes, social distancing, lunch arrangements and school arrival and home times. Once we have put all of this in place, we will write to inform you of the plans.

I am sure that there will be many legitimate concerns around returning to school, albeit in a limited way. However, please rest assured that we are all working hard to prepare for the safe return of both the children and also staff.

We are all looking forward to returning to working as a larger school community.

Take care of yourselves and your families and we hope to see you all very soon.

Best wishes

Mr Daniels and all at St Elizabeth’s

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