



The Cathedral School Newsletter



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John 15.12-17 Jesus said, 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.....' **Friday 15th May 2020**

Coronavirus (COVID-19): latest information and advice [Click Here](#)

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents

It has been good to see so many children on the Zoom meetings which are also being scheduled for next week (see times below). Thank you for facilitating the participation of the children, we have considered it vital for the children to see each other and their teachers as the weeks of lockdown have lengthened.

Every week, we have waited patiently with hope for the numbers of infected to come down, the rate of loss to decrease and the pandemic to be coming to an end.

The reality is there is a marked improved trend and the Government requires schools to reopen for Years R, 1 and 6 as well as the continued support of the children of key workers..

To meet this directive we have a plan and complex risk assessment to bring those year groups back to school. It is of course challenging and our first and most question is;

Will returning to the children and the staff be safe?

Our core questions have been

- Can we bring those year groups back and ensure minimal risk of contracting the virus?
- Can we provide a happy and socially distanced safe learning environment?
- Can we sustain our support of the remote schooling of the other half of the school?
- Do we have sufficient resources/personnel to achieve our aims?
- Can we sustain the process and offer consistency to both schools, supporting both "schools" and parents by offering hours that are practical for parents?

No one in the current circumstances can promise complete safety, if the risk of contracting the virus is minimal from the measures in place. All the children would benefit from schooling being resumed and parents from being able to go about their business.

It will be a matter for you to decide if you wish to send your child in.

Some of you will feel the time is right and others will not want to start the process that is being promoted by the Government. Everyone is valued and precious in our community and as a school, staff, Governors, Parents and Children, we all need to be confident to take our first steps to resume some aspects of our life. Please read the information provided today, if your child is in the identified year groups or you are key worker, please make your decision; it will be respected.

We would be grateful if you could inform us via a survey **being sent on Monday** of your intention so that we can finalise our "Bubble" groups and provide parents with the details of the plans for each group before school resumes.

The school is closed at half term for a deep clean and will resume on Monday 1st June for the children of key workers who are ongoing or who are booked in.

This will be by the front entrance following current rules. Children returning in Years R, 1 and 6 will return on Tuesday 2nd. under the guidelines the school provides.

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin

ZOOM ROTA

EYFS Monday @ 1:30pm	Class 5 Tuesday 1:30pm	Class 9 Friday 2pm
& Wednesday 10am	Class 6 Tuesday 11am	Class 10 Friday 10am
Class 3 Wednesday 2:30pm	Class 7 Thursday 10am	Class 11 Wednesday 11am
Class 4 Thursday 2pm	Class 8 Wednesday 1:30pm	